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## Gateway warehouse open

Lanter occupying only a quarter of the space available

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

The second major development on the Gateway Commerce Center, near Edwardsville, is now open for business.

The 406,000 square foot warehouse, a joint project by Gateway developer, Tri-Star Business Communities, Lanter Corp. and Korte Construction, is nearly complete, and Lanter has moved into the building and has started using the warehouse

**"The park itself, we just feel it's going to be the next Earth City."**

Jeff Lanter  
Executive vice president

area. Jeff Lanter, executive vice president of warehousing for Lanter, said Thursday that they moved in

two weeks ago and their main account was expected to start shipping that day.

Lanter is initially occupying about 100,000 square feet of the building, but could eventually take over the rest of the space.

Initially, he said about 15 people would work there, but that number is expected to grow "dramatically" by summer and could reach 50 in the near future.

In the meantime, he said the partnership is actively seeking tenants for the remaining space.

The building is the second warehousing and distribution

centers in the park, one of the largest in the St. Louis region.

Lanter said the "great interstate interchange is one of the biggest drawing points for the development, located along Illinois 111 just north of Interstate 270."

"We're right on the highway and we're right next to D-270, so the location is part of it, we just feel it's going to be the next Earth City."

He said they expect a great deal of growth in the area and being established there early is very important.

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Tim Stephenson photo

The new Lanter warehouse is located in the Gateway industrial complex.

## Loans may be written off

Hotel developers' settlement would 'fleece' taxpayers

By Dennis Grubaugh  
Staff writer

Taxpayers will be "fleeced" if his successor fails to challenge a judge's ruling that could lead to a write-off of millions of dollars in state loans for

two hotels, former Illinois State Treasurer Patrick Quinn said Monday. Quinn blasted current Treasurer Judy Baar Topinka saying it was her decision to renegotiate loans for the development of the Collingsville Holiday Inn and the Springfield Renaissance Hotel that led to the court ruling in

Madison County last week. Chief Associate Judge Randall Bone issued an order last Thursday requiring the state to honor a deal brokered by Topinka in 1996, calling for the developer to pay back only \$10 million of money borrowed in the 1990s to build the hotels. The loans

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**Summerstage to present Dickens' play**  
"A Christmas Carol"  
runs Dec. 9-12

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

Everyone from Gen. George S. Patton to Capt. Jean-Luc Picard have taken a shot at portraying the most famous skinflint in the world. But Granite City residents will be able to see some of their own in Summerstage's rendition of an adaptation of Charles



Tim Stephenson photo

The Summerstage cast of "A Christmas Carol." From left, Tom Petrillo as the Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come, Ken Elliff as Ebenezer Scrooge, and Andy Elliff as the ghost of Jacob Marley.

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Diana Padgett  
Director of marketing  
St. Clair Square

ing at St. Clair Square shopping mall in Fairview Heights. Previous polls indicated

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# Granite students participate in job shadowing program

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

While some fidgeted, others primped or talked.

About 150 students at Granite City High School participated Thursday in interviews with local business people for the school's job shadowing program.

The program is the latest effort of the Granite City Partnership for Excellence in Education, a cooperative effort between local businesses and the high school.

Linda Petchulat, a junior, was waiting to be interviewed for placement with an elementary school teacher.

"I love kids, they're wonderful and they're so cute and so funny. It's the best thing to see that little light bulb go off when they understand something."

She said she was "nervous, but not really nervous," about the interview.

"I'm afraid I'm going to say something or I'm going to make a fool of myself," she said.

Megan Francis, a senior, had just been interviewed about being placed in biomechanical engineering.

"I'm interested in math and science and solving problems," she said.

Megan had previously considered being a doctor, but didn't want the responsibility that come along with the job.

"I want to have a family, so I don't want to be on call at all hours, and I really

don't want to be responsible for someone's life," she said. She said her interview went well.

"I think it's a wonderful program," she said.

Last year she went through interviewing process, but could not be placed in her field.

As part of the program, students interview with several in their prospective job area.

Students are placed with a mentor in their field and will spend a day with them in late March.

Now in its sixth year, the program has placed about 1,000 students with mentors in jobs ranging from welding to surgery.

Students are given an opportunity to go out and experience a career field they want to go into prior to the time their parents have to spend all the money sending them to college," said Janet Mills, chairman, partnership committee.

"They have to do research, they have to get a teacher's recommendation, they have to get their parents signatures, they have to do all those things prior to coming into an interview," she said.

Mills said the shadowing program is also an opportunity for the business people involved, either as an initial interviewer or a mentor.

"They really love what they do, they feel they can regenerate within themselves all the thoughts, feelings and reasons they went into the occupation," she said.

Students were interviewed in three shifts Thursday.

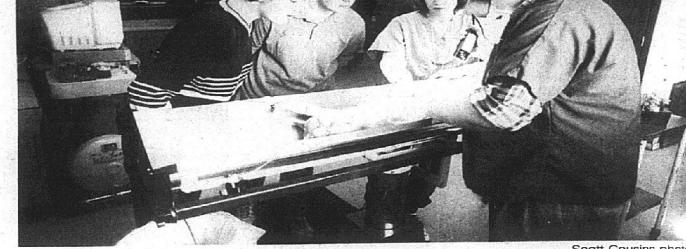
"We've had a lot of the business people tell us they are really impressed with the kids," Mills said. "It's just nice to hear that."

Associate Principal Cindy Gagich, who coordinates the school's end of the program, said it was "absolutely wonderful."

The students are prepared and the business people have been absolutely fantastic," she said.

Gagich said they want the experience to be as true-to-life as it can be for the students.

Participants in last year's job shadowing program watch as veterinarian Dr. Larry Davis works on a cat at the Animal Care Center on Maryville Road.



Scott Cousins photo

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the support of the business community."

Mills agreed.

"The value of the business people is just absolute," she said. "And the business people like the fact that what they're doing is seeing what is coming in the future, because a lot of the people who do the interviewing do the hiring for the businesses."

"The businesses give so much," Mills said.

The number of students placed in a business can range from one to about 30 for St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

"It's a tremendous finan-

cial commitment from the hospital," she said.

Ron Payton, director of human resources at SEMC, said the hospital feels it's a great program.

"Some of our department managers who participate in this talk about how wonderful it is for the mentors and what even the patients seem to get out of this," he said.

"The young people bring a lot of energy and enthusiasm to the work site and our mentors get as much out of it as the kids do."

Payton was one of the original participants in the program six years ago.

## Metro area development projects to receive state funding

By Barbara M. Cope  
Staff writer

Several local communities will benefit from money released by Illinois Gov. George Ryan Wednesday.

State Sen. Evelyn Bowles (D-Edwardsville) released a list of area projects due to receive funding for community enhancement projects.

**METRO EAST**  
Wednesday. The money, over \$1.6 million, will sup-

port several important local development projects in the 56th District.

Topping the list, Belleville Area College will receive \$870,000 from the Capital Development Board for the construction of the Auto/Electronics Collision Repair Technology Training Facility. For a different kind of transportation initiative, Madison County Transit District will receive \$400,000 from the Department of Transportation for the Collinsville Transit Center.

Glen Carbon Senior Community Center will benefit from one of the larger funding recipients. The project will receive the \$175,000 needed for completion.

"One of the things the seniors in Glen Carbon are very excited about the center is a cyber cafe. They'll be able to come in and learn how to use the computers and how to access the Internet. The center will also have a meet-

ing room and a craft area," Bowles staff member Dana Yowell said.

Other projects receiving funding will be:

The Southwestern Illinois Metropolitan Planning Commission will receive \$50,000 from the Department of Community and Commerce Affairs for community/county technical planning. SIMPAC will also receive \$15,000 for its region-

al information management system.

The Touch of Nature Camp, affiliated with Southern Illinois University, will receive \$148,000 from the Capital Development Board for improvements to a bath-

"All of these worthwhile

projects will benefit our area citizens," Bowles said. "I am very pleased with the governor's allocation of money for these improvements in our area. Our state government must continue to be involved in the development of our communities."

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## News

# Costello doubts bases will close

Congressman believes economy will keep area installations open

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

As long as the economy remains good and the federal government keeps a balanced budget, U.S. Rep. Jerry Costello said, he doubts Congress will authorize a new round of military base closings.

And even if that does happen, he said that more than \$1 billion in improvements at Scott Air Force Base will strengthen its position with the Base Realignment and Closure Commission.

However, he said Friday in an interview at his office in Granite City, the fate of the Charles Melvin Price Support Center in Granite City is up in the air, and the decision on that base will probably be released by the Pentagon in the next 60 days.

Scott Air Force Base was not listed on the last base

closure list, and the Price Center has narrowed its list after being on the initial list. However, the U.S. Army is now reviewing a "Record of Excess" on the Price Center and may eliminate the entire base, or just portions of it.

Costello said things are looking very good for Scott Air Force Base.

"Scott and the BRAC is always on my mind," Costello said Friday. "Scott Air Force Base is the largest employer in our area, and about the fourth largest employer in the metropolitan area, so it's my number one priority."

Costello said he was not as concerned about Scott and the BRAC as he was several years ago. In the first BRAC rounds, Scott was considered vulnerable to closing because it was primarily a MidAmerica Airport.

The addition of the 126th Air Refueling Wing, a new runway as part of the joint-use with MidAmerica Airport, and an extended runway on

the military side have made the base more viable.

"Every year since the last round have continued to strengthen the base," he said. "We now have more than 800 new family housing units at Scott Air Force Base that have replaced World War II vintage housing."

The base also has a new school, a new commissary and a new credit union.

The federal government has invested about \$1 billion in the last seven years at Scott," he said.

The runway addition were the most important additions, he said.

Without the improved runways, he said, the base would have not been able to attract the air refueling wing.

"Without MidAmerica I am certain that it would not have come to Scott," he said. "What a lot of people don't realize is that it was a major coup to pull that in."

The wing moved from O'Hare in Chicago because the city wanted the space as a site for the United Airlines headquarters. Originally, the city sent out feelers around the state for the location for the wing, but would also pay for the unit's relocation. However, the city of Chicago eventually paid almost \$100 million in relocation costs.

"We literally stepped in and said, 'We want it and it didn't cost us a thing,'" Costello said. "It's a tremendous improvement to the area."

Costello said officials are looking at other ways to strengthen the base.

One might be the relocation of the Missouri Air National Guard unit now based at Lambert, but he

said there would be "major obstacles" involved.

The fate of the Price Center is more unsettled, although there is a great deal of opportunity there, either as a military base or a civilian development.

Costello said area leaders are approaching it in a "two-pronged" fashion.

"While past efforts have been exclusively geared to saving the base, they are now looking at other ways to utilize it if the military closes it."

"What we want to do is to continue to be ahead of the curve,"

Costello said. "I believe that because of our early planning and the work we did two years before the last BRAC, the dividends were tremendous."

Costello said he expects a final decision on the base in the next 60 days.

If the military abandons it, it would most likely go to the Tri-City Regional Port District.

While local officials have worked to save the base, in the past year the emphasis has shifted more toward how it can be utilized for economic development.

During a recent business tour by the Tri-Cities Area Chamber of Commerce, the base was one of the sites toured. New development plans have been started.

Costello said that either way, the Price Center offers a great deal.

"I believe that if we can keep the base open, we can have more jobs and create more revenue for the local economy than the Price Center has generated as a military facility," he said.

**"I believe that if we handle this right, we can have more jobs and create more revenue for the local economy than the Price Center has generated as a military facility."**

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Newly elected board members are Mary Randolph Ballinger, Judy Champ, Sue Clegg, Mary Lovelace, Mary Hess, Virginia Klein, Jean Neal, Sister Mary Roch Rocklage, Elizabeth Sayad, Nora Stern and Ida Woolfolk.

Members of the board which will be serving the second year of their two-year term are Charmaine Chapman, Ellen Conant, Jane Evans, Joann Kohn, Joy Melman and Terri Shores.

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Nominations may be sent to Suburban Journals, Attn: Women of Achievement, 1714 Deer Tracks Trail, St. Louis, 63131.

## Be safe with home heating equipment this season

Practice fire safety with space heaters

By Michael Heil  
Staff writer

Everyone knows Dec. 25 is Christmas day, but does everybody realize that Dec. 21 is the day of winter?

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That means of course that cold weather is lurking around the corner, ready to burst onto the scene for the next three months in the way of freezing rain, snow and even possibly frigid temperatures.

Therefore, when pulling out space heaters, stacking logs or turning up thermostats, remember to practice fire safety because the leading cause of fires in the United States is due to heating equipment used to keep people warm.

Fireplaces, portable heaters and wood stoves are especially dangerous, signaling the need for extra care to reduce the risk of fires.

For the past five years, heating devices have caused an average of 800 residential fires, six deaths and 73 injuries and more than \$7.82 million in property damage in Illinois, according to a study released by the National Fire Incident Reporting System.

"Many of the home heating related fires could have been prevented with care and caution," said Thomas Armstead, State fire marshall.

away from anything combustible and should never be left unattended. OSFM advocates the burning of proper fuels in heating devices and not green wood, trash or paper in wood stoves or fireplaces.

As far as electrical fires, they are more prevalent this time of year, according to OSFM, because of electrical outlets being overloaded to light Christmas decorations. OSFM suggests checking fuses regularly and using extension cords sparingly.

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## Police beat

**TRAFFIC STOP/NARCOTICS ARREST:** Forrest Lee Brown Jr., 47, Donna J. Gelslo, 37, and Matthew J. Novaria, 28, were taken into custody for narcotics violation at 12:29 a.m. Dec. 2 at College and Amherst in Collinsville by the Madison County Sheriff's Department. Brown was driving a white, 1988 Pontiac Grand Prix that allegedly failed a state inspection. A search of the vehicle allegedly turned up white, rock-like substances near where Brown and Novaria were seated in the car. A small plastic bottle containing a broken glass pipe, more mesh and some drug residue was allegedly found on Novaria and a tissue with two large, white, rock-like substances was allegedly found on Gelslo. All three were transported to the Madison County jail and the Metropolitan Enforcement Group of Southwestern Illinois was contacted for follow-up. Brown was given a warning for failure to obey a traffic sign.

**WARRANT ARREST:** Jeffrey L. Cook, 42, was arrested on two active warrants after a routine traffic stop at 2:30 a.m. Dec. 3 at Arlington and University in Collinsville by the Madison County Sheriff's Department. Cook was a passenger in an automobile that was stopped for a minor traffic violation. A computer check revealed two warrants from the Granite City Police Department for failure to appear on a disorderly conduct charge and failure to appear on a theft charge.

**DRIVING WHILE LICENSE WAS REVOKED/WARRANT ARREST:** Brian L. Sherry, 26, was taken into custody after a traffic stop at 3:38 a.m. Dec. 3 at West Chain of Rocks Road and Esselpreis by the Madison County Sheriff's Department. Sherry was stopped for a minor traffic offense, and he allegedly admitted to the sheriff's deputy that he had no driver's license, but that he was wanted on an active warrant for failure to appear. When Sherry was pulled over, he could not. Eventually Sherry came to his senses and began yelling profanities at the officer, who took Sherry into custody after he allegedly smelled alcohol on Sherry's breath. As the officer was handcuffing Sherry, Sherry resisted arrest and, while being booked later at the police station, allegedly ran at an officer and threw his book at him.

**Etc. C. Padilla:** 20, of the 1700 block of Edigan, Granite City, was charged with disorderly conduct in relation to an incident that occurred early Sunday morning.

According to a police report, Padilla was at a bar about 3:45 a.m.

because of noise coming from his house during a party. Padilla, the report stated, had been warned earlier by police to stop the noise.

**WARRANT ARREST:** Archie R. Gardner, 35, was arrested on two active warrants at 8:05 a.m. Dec. 5 at Market Street and Washington Avenue in Madison by the Madison County Sheriff's Department. Gardner was wanted for failure to appear on a cocaine possession charge by the Madison County Sheriff's Department and failure to appear on an unlawful possession of a controlled substance charge by the Pontoon Beach Police Department.

### Granite City

**Damon L. McKnight:** 30, of the 4700 block of Palm, St. Louis, was charged with driving under the influence for an incident that occurred early Monday morning, according to a police report, at about 1 a.m. McKnight allegedly struck a parked vehicle in the 200 block of Washington Avenue. The accident occurred in close proximity of a patrol car, from which an officer saw McKnight get out of the vehicle. McKnight was given a sobriety test after the officer allegedly smelled alcohol on McKnight. Besides being charged, McKnight was given citations for unsafe backing, failure to reduce speed and driving without insurance.

**Paul Allen Zachritz:** 41, of the 2300 block of North St. Louis, was charged with driving under the influence, resisting arrest and disorderly conduct.

According to a police report, Zachritz was slumped inside a vehicle off the side of the road along Pontoon Road about 11:50 p.m. Sunday. An officer tried to get Zachritz's attention by shaking him, but could not. Eventually Zachritz came to his senses and began yelling profanities at the officer, who took Zachritz into custody after he allegedly smelled alcohol on Zachritz's breath. As the officer was handcuffing Zachritz, Zachritz resisted arrest and, while being booked later at the police station, allegedly ran at an officer and threw his book at him.

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## Divorces

Marriages Dissolutions granted in the Third Circuit Court in Madison County include:

David Charles Landwehr of Glen Carbon and Sarah Kathryn (Hall) Landwehr of Glen Carbon, married May 2, 1997.

Mark Gregory Drysdale of Arnold, Mo. and Linda Key (Wuthrich) Drysdale of Glen Carbon; married March 21, 1998.

Michael John Heinemeier of Warden and Sheri Lynn (McGee) Heinemeier of Granite City; married Sept. 10, 1994.

Charles R. Smith of Decatur and Melanie R. (Riva) Smith of Edwardsville; married April 24,

1971.

Jay N. King of Granite City and Leona Kim (Schaefer) King; married Nov. 14, 1988.

Paul John Fischer of Collinsville and Linda Fay (Schmedeman) Fischer of Collinsville; married Jan. 8, 1988.

Michael Jacob Jacobi of Collinsville and Denise Louise (Garwood) Jacobi of Collinsville; married Aug. 3, 1991.

Paul D. Singleton of Moro and Julie K. (Sutton) Singleton of Granite City; married Oct. 27, 1990.

## Historical society to hold open house Dec. 12

The Old Six-Mile Historical Society is holding an open house from 1 to 4 p.m. Dec. 12 at the Old Six-Mile Museum at 3070 Maryville Road.

Society President Irene Dawes said the Museum will be decorated for Christmas and numerous items - including the Granite City Centennial pictorial book - will be on sale.

There will also be Christmas music and refreshments.

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**T**his is definitely the time to enjoy the beauty that poinsettias have to offer. Healthy ones, that is. While poinsettias are relatively easy to care for, they can be temperamental when their care requirements aren't being met. They're not overly fussy, but a certain amount of TLC is required.

Wilting and leaf drop are two of the most common signs to befall the poinsettia. There are several causes and remedies. So if your prized poinsettias look a bit joyless, we'll try to help them cheer up.

Following are conditions that can cause wilting.

**Dry soil**  
The remedy is to water the plant thoroughly. Poinsettias should be watered when the top of the soil feels dry to the touch. They should be checked daily for water.

**Wet soil**  
Make sure the plant isn't sitting in water. Remove any excess water and make sure the drainage holes aren't blocked. Follow the watering practices outlined above.

**Drafts**  
Check the area for drafts of either hot or cold air. The temperature should remain around 60° to 70°F. Keep the plant away from heat sources such as heat vents.

**Christmas cactus**  
Two or three weeks after flowering, these plants will go into dormant period. At this time, stop applying fertilizer and only water enough to keep the soil from completely drying out. Eventually new growth will appear and the water and fertilizer schedule may be resumed.

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To initiate flowering, Christmas cacti require long nights (14-16 hours of darkness) and low night temperatures that should not exceed 65°F or fall below 50°F. The plant should be kept under these conditions until flower buds form. Christmas cacti may drop their buds as a result of improper watering, low humidity, drafts or sudden changes in environment.

**Drafts**  
See previous explanation.

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This usually signals a lack of nitrogen. Fertilize your poinsettia with a houseplant fertilizer according to label instructions.

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## News

**Buske Lines to build warehouse**

Distribution company plans new facility at Gateway

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

As workers are finishing work on the new Lander warehouse at the

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Commerce Center, a Litchfield-based company has confirmed that it will be building there in the near future.

Tom Buske, president of Buske Lines Inc., a warehousing and distribution firm with about 400 employees from Canada to Houston, said Friday they expect to

start construction on a new warehouse just west of the Dial Corp. warehouse.

Buske said his company serves an area ranging from Toronto to Mexico and east to Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

Buske said the company recently finished construction of a new warehouse in Houston.

"We own about a million square feet (of warehouse space) and lease about 500,000 square feet," he said.

The company recently purchased 23 acres at Gateway.

"We're planning to build a 150,000 to 200,000 square foot warehouse there," he said.

"That depends on what customer potential we have."

He said his company would use about 100,000 square feet of space and lease the remainder.

"If we're just going to build a building for ourselves we would build the smaller size," he said.

He also said they will probably move part of their maintenance department from Litchfield and could eventually move their headquarters to this area.

**Developer's loans may be written off**

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now are worth \$40 million to \$50 million, including the interest, Quinn said.

Topinka subsequently backed out of the deal after the state attorney general told her she did not have the authority to make it and after audits questioned the value of the properties. A corporation representing the hotel filed a subsequent suit in 1995 to keep the deal intact, leading to Bono's decision last week.

"It's really disgraceful. The taxpayers will really be getting fleeced if this thing is allowed to go through," said Quinn, a Chicago

lawyer.

Topinka's office could not be reached for comment after Quinn's remarks. But earlier in the day, a representative of the Topinka must consult with the Illinois Attorney General's Office before deciding whether to appeal Bono's ruling. The state's decision is not expected before early next year, the developer said.

When Topinka first proposed the \$10 million settlement, she said it seemed the only way to get at least some of the money paid back to the state treasury. Under the deal, the developers keep the hotels.

The developers have strong political connections.

Gary Fears, who headed the Collinsville effort, was a prominent lawyer for both Republicans and Democrats, including former state representative and Illinois House Majority Leader Jim McPike of Alton.

The Springfield hotel development was led by a partnership involving William Cellini, a Springfield Republican and a major shareholder in Argosy Gaming Co., owner of the Alton Bell Casino.

Both loans were extracted from a modified loan program supported by former Gov. James Thompson and former Treasurer Jerome Consentino.

**Obituaries****Jennie Bilyeu****JENNIE L. (MIHU) BILYEU**, 80, of Granite City, died at 8:05 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, 1999.

She was born Nov. 4, 1919, in Shreveport, La. Mrs. Bilyeu worked as a quartermaster at American Steel, an enameler at Nesco, a meat trimmer at Swift Packing Company, manager of Mick's Truck Stop, canteen manager at the White Owl Truck Stop, and J. T. Troy, and M. and M. in Madison. She was a member of Women of the Granite City 272 Moose Lodge, Eagle Auxiliary, Navy Mothers, a former Queen of Heart and a closest college member of the Moose.

She is survived by a daughter, Margaret Veach of Opdyke; a brother, Robert Bixler of Granite City; a sister, Betty Harnett of Decatur and five grandchildren: Jennie Crencher, Cindy Conley, Nita Jackson, Patricia Jackson, and Edward Weller.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Charlie McDonald; second husband, Vasil Mihu; third husband, Logan Bilyeu; her parents, Fred H. and Nine M. (Meredith) Bixler and a sister, Juanita Schmitz.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Werner Mick Funeral Home in Granite City. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the funeral home with the Rev. Robert Weller officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Edwardsville.

Memorials may be made to Good Samaritan House in Mt. Vernon.

**George Hasty Sr.****GEORGE S. HASTY SR.**, 83, of Dupo, died Sunday, Dec. 5, 1999, at his home.

He was born June 30, 1916, in Bixby, Okla. Mr. Hasty was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. He retired from the Village of Dupo and was a member of First Baptist Church in Dupo and the church choir. He is survived by his wife, Juanita (Owens) Hasty, seven children, Georgia Medley, Katherine Smick, Fay Cooper and George Hasty Jr., all of Granite City; Jack Hasty of Edwardsville; Stanley Hasty of Forest Mo., and Pamela Danco of Maryville; two sisters, Daisy Hrite and Helen Stevens, both of Belleville; two brothers, Bill Hasty of Granite City and Donald Hasty of Edwardsville; 10 grandchildren; 51 great-grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers; two sisters and two grandchildren.

Visitation will be from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday at Braus Colonial Funeral Home in Granite City. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at First Baptist Church with the Rev. Darrell Atkins officiating. Burial will be in Jefferson Barracks-National Cemetery in St. Louis.

**Edwin Hemann****EDWIN H. "DICKIE/DUTCH" HEMANN**, 83, of Germantown, died Friday, Dec. 3, 1999, at Saint Louis University Hospital.**Werner-Mick**  
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Harms preceded in death by his parents, Bernard F. and Anna M. (Reub) Zellerman.

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Memorials may be made to Granite City High School Lighting Committee or Jesus Saves Mission of Granite City.

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# Use holiday season to teach kids all about giving

Community service one way for children to learn about Christmas spirit

Adults often complain about how commercialized the holiday season has become without realizing that this can be done to improve things.

"It wasn't like this when we were kids," they say.

The holiday season doesn't have to be so commercialized and self-centered for our children. Parents who use their authority wisely can have a powerful impact on creating a much healthier holiday experience for their children.

Here are some suggestions:

- Sit down with your children and review the things that grace your lives. Share your



**FAMILY MATTERS**

thoughts and ask for theirs. Make a chart of the connection between the blessings you are grateful for and how you intend the holiday season to be a time for greater emphasis on family ties, spirituality and giving to others. Write down your values and explain specific changes you intend to make.

- Teach your children to focus on giving to others, especially those less fortunate. Your children can rake leaves, wrap packages, shovel snow or perform another chore to raise money to donate to nonprofit agencies.

- If you can, arrange to match your children's contribution, perhaps at a ratio of 1:2 or even greater. This will give your children's work even greater significance.

Earning money for others provides tangible assistance to those in need, prevents children from getting caught up in the self-absorption of receiving and underscores generosity of spirit.

- Involve your children in

community service. Many churches and community organizations have opportunities for service children can take advantage of.

The collection and distribution of food, clothing and holiday gifts frequently intensifies this time of year, and volunteers are needed.

What can your children do for neighbors or friends who are elderly or infirm? Explain how their actions help others, and encourage them to feel good about it.

Focus on your family's spirituality. Emphasize the spiritual or religious dimensions of the holiday in accordance with your family's tradition.

If the religious significance of

your faith has become blurred by the heavy commercialization of the season, help your children understand the values you hold dear.

- Limit gift-giving within your family and explain why. Let the commercial juggernaut roll on without you.

What's assaulted by such relentless emphasis on gift-giving and the powerful underlying message that we can measure our value to others by what they give is, children begin to evaluate their importance to others with the cost of the presents they receive.

Clear guidelines will curb the unrealistic expectations and help maintain the focus on the important family and spiritual

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al values you are trying to promote.

Teach your children various ways to express their love. Discuss with them what they can do or make that other family members will appreciate. Even eliminating some annoying habits for the sake of others can be a meaningful gift.

When you make changes like these, do so with a positive attitude and communicate your reasoning to your family. If you feel

enthusiastic about a new approach to the holidays, chances are that your children will, too.

With your help, your children can learn that doing the right things for family, friends and those in need - can be fun as well as meaningful.

Dennis O'Brien is a licensed clinical social worker, experienced educator and therapist, and executive director of Zink the Zebra Foundation.

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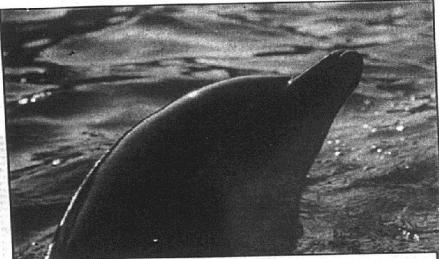
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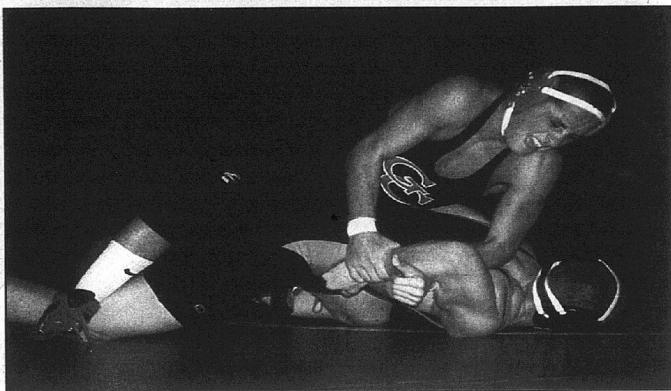
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# Sports

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**Inside**

## Tigers end drought vs. Granite City



Tim Stephenson photo  
 Granite City's Chad Wilson (top) grapples with Edwardsville's Ryan Starkey in Friday night's Southwestern Conference meet, won by the Tigers.

Edwardsville takes final bout for win; pins first loss of season on Warriors

By Steve Porter  
 Staff writer

Jerry Greenwood felt the weight of the prep wrestling world placed squarely on his shoulders Friday night at Granite City High School.

But the Edwardsburg

man took in a dozen strides,

pinning the first loss of the season on Granite City.

Greenwood beat Jason Janek of Granite City 10-6 in the final bout to give Edwardsburg a 36-32

Southwestern Conference win over the Warriors. It

was the first time the Tigers had defeated the Warriors in a dozen years.

"This is the most excitement I've ever seen for Edwardsburg wrestling," Tigers coach John Wagner said.

Fans shook Greenwood's hand and patted him

on the back while the Tigers joyously embraced him.

"It's just a tribute to our kids because we beat a team and a program that's awesome," Wagner said.

Edwardsburg is 4-0, while Granite City slipped to 3-1.

"Winning this match is something we've been

pointing to and the coaches have been talking

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John Wagner  
 Edwardsburg coach

about since the start of the season," said Greenwood, the Tigers 215-pounder.

Greenwood and Granite City's Janek squared off at 275 pounds in the winner-take-all match. The Tigers led 33-32 going into the action, so if Janek won, the Warriors won.

"It was a match that could have gone either way," Warriors coach Kirkigan said.

Greenwood and Janek tied things at 4-4 in the second period before Greenwood forged ahead 6-4 and never looked back.

"This is great," Greenwood said. "Although I don't know if I ever want to be in that position again."

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## Duo does damage against Triad

Seniors May, Pistorius each score 21 as Granite City hits .500 mark

By Rick Broome  
 Staff writer

Riding high after a big win, Granite City didn't let down against Triad, beating the Knights 69-55 at home. Boys' basketball: Granite City beat Southwestern Conference foe Edwardsville Friday night.

Seniors Matt Pistorius and Zack May each scored 21 points. Against Edwardsville, the two seniors were held to 17 points combined.

"It isn't that they were due, they are going to have those nights," Granite City coach VanBuskirk said. "Last night they made our other players better. Our other players got points because of them again tonight. But they stepped up and made baskets. They did a good job."

Granite City started the quarter and exploded in the second to lead 37-23 at the half. VanBuskirk's mandate to win one quarter at a time seemed ripe for fulfillment. But the Warriors delivered a tacitum 14-point third quarter to give up eight points off their lead to Triad, which dumped in 22 points in the third stanza.

"I was upset about that," VanBuskirk said. "We stressed very hard that we had to win the third quarter. We thought it was an

important quarter, and we didn't perform very well."

"But I give them credit. They came back and won the fourth quarter. They are understanding. They know the things that they have to do. I didn't have to be mad at them. They weren't happy with themselves. They know what they did wrong. That's the part about it that I like. I don't have to scream and holler. They do a good job."

"Granite City has a very good basketball team," Triad coach Bob Sudhoff said. "Matt is a great player and Zack is a great player. He is real aggressive, and he is a good shooter. They use him to their advantage. Same thing with Pistorius. They have some kids on the perimeter who can shoot it. Pistorius is a good post player inside who can play in or

out. They are a handful to guard. I thought we made a run at them, but we just fell short."

The Warriors, who evened their record at 3-3, face Belleville West at home on Saturday.

"They are a very good basketball team," VanBuskirk said. "They play very tough man-to-man defense, and so we are going to have to work real hard to be prepared for the defense."

Triad (0-5) faced Breece Central Tuesday before hosting Waterloo on Friday.

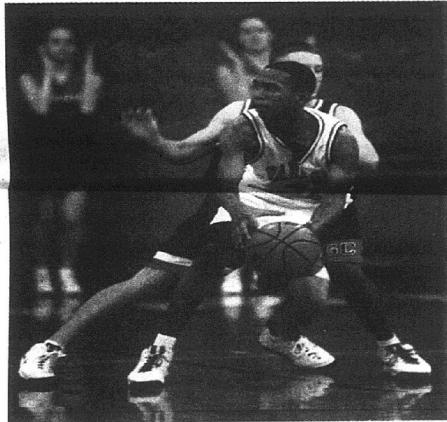
"Waterloo is the first Conference game, and we need a win," Sudhoff said. "We need a win in the conference to establish ourselves."

### Granite City 69, Triad 55.

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TRIAD: Shawn Byrne 17, Aaron Edwards 16, Ian Evans 6, Jared Hayes 6, Mark Larsen 4, Kyle Sauerwein 3, Kyle Wiesemeyer 3. 2PT - 12, 3 PT - 10, FT - 1.

GRANITE CITY: Zack May 21, Matt Pistorius 21, Justin Slay 12, Taddy Wallace 6, Branden Smith 5, Tarrick Lawrence 2, Jon Slay 2. 2 PT - 20, 3 PT - 5, FT - 14.



Tim Stephenson photo  
 Granite City's Branden Wilson (31) looks to pass in a recent game. The Warriors are now 3-3 on the year.

## Althoff's Gundlach, Scannell net top volleyball honors

Co-captains led Crusaders to 2nd place in Class AA tourney

By Scott Marion  
 Staff writer

As co-captains for the Althoff volleyball team this year, Emily Scannell and Suzanne Gundlach led the Crusaders to a second-place finish in the IHSA Class AA state tournament.

Now the senior duo is sharing another honor: they and Althoff have been named as Class AA Co-Players of the Year by the Journal Newspapers of Southern Illinois.

"They have definitely been leaders for us the past couple of years," said coach Kathy Wuller, who guided Althoff to a 33-6 record and its first state tournament appearance in 17 years. "Suzanne was the team captain last year, and they were co-captains this year."

"We wouldn't have been as successful as a team without either one of them. They had good supporting cast with [Senior] Stacy Sieben and everyone else. Those will be hard shoes to fill next year."

Scannell, a four-year setter, was a three-year varsity starter. "The setting position is not the most glamorous in the sport, but we wouldn't have accomplished what we did without Emily being able to do what she did with the ball," Wuller said.

"She completely took charge this year. She gained a lot of

All-Journal Class AA volleyball  
 First team:  
 Erin Noble, Belleville West; Cindy McPeak, Belleville East; Stacy Sieben, Granite City; Althoff; Nickie Sauerwein, Belleville East.  
 Second team:  
 Karen Boyd, Triad; Nicole Shoger, Edwardsville; Colleen Irwin, Champaign; Lauren Scannell, Belleville East; Linda Dill, Collinsville; Stacy Draper, Edwardsville.

confidence over the summer. Her goal was to be a better leader, and she definitely did that."

Gundlach, a 5-9 outside hitter, was a four-year starter for Althoff.

In crunch situations, Emily was confident in going to Suzanne. "Wuller said.

"(Gundlach) has been a leader on the team the past two years and people respect her."

"She has a great attitude, she's very strong and she was pretty much unstoppable this year. She's a great all-around player - you name it, she did it all."

Althoff's road to the state tournament wasn't easy. The Crusaders had to beat Belleville West in a team it had lost to twice in the regular season to claim the sectional championship. Wuller's squad then defeated nationally ranked Jacksonville in the super-section-

al. "We kept fighting, and we knew we could do it," Gundlach said. "We had confidence in each other and the coaching staff and our parents all helped us. We had great fan support."

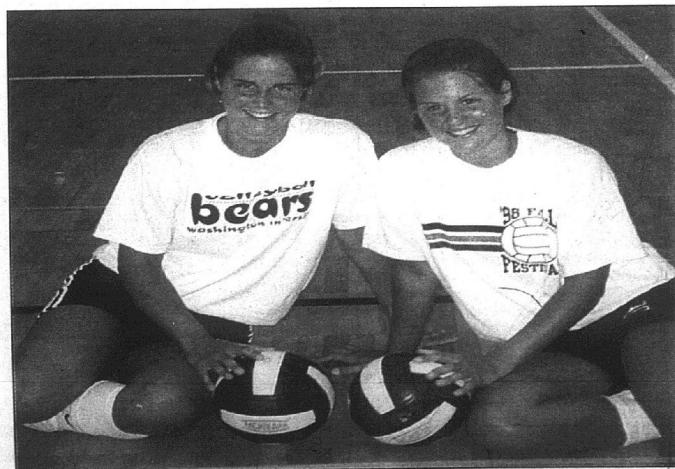
At state, Althoff, Hedges and Quincy before losing in the championship match to Downers Grove South.

"The silver medal ceremony was very emotional," Scannell said. "In the back of your mind, you're thinking about what is really going on. When we hugged, it was kind of rough. I'll definitely remember that."

The girls, who are best friends, have given verbal commitments to play Division I volleyball at Southeast Missouri State University. The official signing date is in early February.

"We committed about a week after the state tournament," Scannell said. "She was the one who committed all along and sent us e-mails. They were very true to us."

"We feel really comfortable there and the girls (on the volleyball team) are nice," Gundlach said. "We've played together since sixth grade, and we also joked about going (to college) together. When they didn't recruit us as a package, that's just the way it happened."



Scott Marion photo  
 Althoff's Suzanne Gundlach (left) and Emily Scannell have given a verbal commitment to play volleyball at Southeast Missouri State University, a Division I school.

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The Butzinger Builders Atom II soccer team completed its third consecutive unbeaten season in the Belle-Clair Soccer League, finishing 11-1 in each of the last three years. Members of the team pictured above (from left) are: In front - Samuel Maul, Jared Shilling, Wyatt Driscoll, Thomas Gallaher, Chad Weber, Ryan Birkner; Middle - Brett Friedman, Ryan Hoercher, Zach Parson, Chris Luebbers and Sam Klosterman; In back - Andy Morton, coach Terry Gallaher, Alex Schobert, coach Randy Hoercher and Collin McPeak. Not pictured: coach Matt Klosterman.

**Youth football is alive and well**

Local programs grab stage with annual Pilgrim Bowl

I never want to hear another negative comment about little league football.

You see, I'm captured. I'm sold on pre-high school football, especially if it contributes to making the pre-game equal to what it once was in southwestern Illinois.

Follow the action - as I did - as we can do nothing but admire the work of the players and coaches of the boys from ages 6 through 13.

If someone thinks fundamentals are not being taught, they should have toured with me as I saw fewer illegal procedure penalties during the 1999 season than in any games than if I were watching the pros.

Here's a tip of my hat to Little League board of directors and longtime coach Rick Bunt of Belleville, whose efforts brought teams from as far away as Calgary, Canada.

The event included 25 organizations and 72 games with the highlights being the Tri-County League teams serving as hosts for games in Belleville, Fairview Heights and Collinsville.

"This was so much fun," said a mother whose 11-year-old son was playing for one of the Bensenville Bandits teams from the Chicago area. "He had never played youth football before, but he really had enjoyed this season and then getting to take this trip."

While each player and team received a plaque for participating, memory of the Pilgrim Bowl should serve as a reminder that football is a big team - even southwestern Illinois.

**Overtime**

When it comes to digesting the recent Illinois High School Association state football playoffs, it is obvious that we was more to come than about the 0-9 record for southwestern Illinois teams.

What's the rationale for having champions Chicago Mount Carmel and Chicago Heights Maran - teams from the Chicago Catholic Metro Blue Conference - play for the Class 5A title?

Mount Carmel won 38-7 against Marian in the regular season (on Sept. 17) and emerged a 31-7 winner at Champaign.

Was it so long ago that coaches from Chicago were screaming about the edge private schools had?

**Personnel changes**

Retirements in the Illinois High School Association have led to personnel additions, including that of Anna Hileman, a 26-year-old Lopkert native who is the first Africa-American IHSA executive assistant in the 99-year history of the organization.

Hileman, who will all include running the state tournaments in baseball, softball and boys and girls golf. The Augustana College graduate referred to change as something she's seen since his high school days.

"Street agents ... mass media ... kids more arrogant, less ..." he said. "It's not just playing for school spirit or being involved in activities but looking for a college scholarship or pro career."

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## Sports

# Tigers trample East St. Louis in event

## Edwardsville plays controlled game despite off-court drama

By Rick Broome  
Staff writer

It was called "Keep Hoop Alive," a winter basketball tournament held at the Saint Charles (Mo.) Family Arena. For the girls, the event couldn't match the drama of the court.

Tigers coach Bud Vallino suffered a mild heart attack Nov. 30 but was back in time to witness Edwardsville's 56-31 victory against East St. Louis Sunday night.

The Tigers were also missing the services of Erin Gusewelle, who has been nursing an ankle injury since early November.

Edwardsville still didn't miss a

beat. "I think the big thing that we had to do was to establish a game without emotion," Vallino said. "We have so many young kids, even though we have some experience. But we had to take the emotion out of the game, because when you do that, it is usually in dealing with our emotion."

"We knew it was going to be physical, and we have sometimes struggled with that as well. But the kids adapted well. We had to be aggressive, because after we had to, so we wanted to run the offense pretty well. We got a lot of back doors and did the things that we were supposed to do."

The Tigers led by nine at the half and 21 after three quarters.

"I think we played wonderfully, con-

sidering the fact that we are a very young team," said Edwardsville point guard Jessica Stephens. "We have one senior (Gusewelle) who is out with an injury, and then we have another senior who is really stepping up for us. Most of us are sophomores and juniors and this was a big win for us. Last year East Side killed us, and we know that this is one of the teams that we have to beat this year to win (the Southwestern) Conference."

"I think we really stepped up and played as a team and handled the ball well, moved the ball well. That's the only way you can be successful, and I think that we did. I think we wanted it a lot more than they did and I think we played a lot more as a team than they did."

Lindsay Anderson led the Tigers with 14 points. Melissa Titworth knocked in 10.

"We didn't establish much of an inside game, but they didn't really allow us to do that," Vallino said. "We tried to get a lot of back doors, and on the outside perimeter, we did exactly what we wanted to do. We took most of their offense away from them on the

perimeter.

"The main thing that we had to do was to keep on moving. We did a lot of running, and we had to keep them moving. But we did a good job of dealing with what we did because we knew that if they got us in a half-court game, we would be in trouble because we couldn't handle all of the big people they had inside. The kids played well, and with all the circumstances of this week, I was well-pleased with it."

The Tigers rose to 3-0 with the victory.

"We got off to a miserable start," said Edwardsville coach Chipper McDonald of 0-3 East St. Louis. "We didn't execute, we didn't play well offensively. The things you could say about them is that they were executed and they did what they had to do. We basically were out of the game mentally. We just didn't do a good job whatsoev-

er."

The Flyers - who lost last year's stalwart pair of Rita Adams and Lakeisha Cole to graduation - finally got off the ground in the fourth quarter. But it was too late to catch the streak-

ing Tigers.

"We actually just started running the offense," McDonald said. "Up to that point we didn't execute. We should have been executing by the fourth game of the season. We are just going to continue to work hard and try to do the things that are necessary and try to find the right combination. This is a young ball-

team. They only have one starter from last year (Lutesia Davis), and she came on late as a freshman. As the season goes on, hopefully we will be able to mesh."

Edwardsville 50, East St. Louis 31

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East St. Louis: Lutesia Davis 12, Tamia Hamilton 11, Darleah Anderson 2, Michelle Brown 2, Ronneha Clay 2, Jessica King 2.

Edwardsville: Lindsay Anderson 14, Melissa Titworth 10, Julie Brown 7, Rachel Ferree 7, Lauren McGrady 5, Kara Carroll 3, Kara Schweitzer 2, Jessica Stephens 2.

## Flyers show many weapons against CHS

Miles scores 35 but Gilbert, Hughes also reach double figures for East St. Louis

By Brian Bretsch  
Staff writer

East St. Louis proved its team features more than just Darius Darius on Friday night at Vergil Fletcher Gymnasium in Collinsville.

Miles put on a show with 35 points, 16 rebounds and six blocked shots in the Flyers' 81-58 Southwestern Conference triumph.

However, Phillip Gilbert was impressive with 20 points, including a pair of dunks, and Leonard Hughes chipped in with 10.

"Nobody really cares about who gets the points or who does this or who does that," Miles said. "If the points come, they come."

Miles' early tip-in enthused the crowd of more than 3,000 but Gilbert's dunk at 3:41 of the first quarter sparked the Flyers.

Now, the Flyers are thinking about the ball," Miles said. "If I don't dunk it, Phillip is going to dunk it. I like seeing people like Phillip dunk it. It's like anybody dunking except for me. I like seeing other people on my team dunk the ball. Last year, Phillip didn't want to dunk it like he is now. Everybody is expecting me to do that. I don't think in the game, they (the fans) just say the ball is all right."

The Flyers improved to 4-1 and are now in balance Sunday with a 59-54 victory against Creve Coeur (Mo.) DeSmet Jesuit High at the Fullcourt Classic at Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville. Miles scored 24 points against

the defending state champions for Missouri Class 4A while Robert added 14 points and Hughes reached double figures with 12.

"(Robert) LaBon has got to give us more rebounds and some more points inside. He is not doing his job," said Flyers coach Dennis Lewis said after the Collinsville game. "Our system is a little new to him. When he played JV, he played out on the point but now he has got play up underneath the basket and he has got to get used to doing that."

Miles believes the Flyers' supporting cast is important to the team's success. "He thinks will be the play of guards Edward White and DeMarco Smith, who transferred to East St. Louis from Belleville West."

"We are learning what we were last year," Miles said. "We have got two point guards that can start. They are taking turns. Some people are transferring. DeMarco (Smith) transferred from (Belleville) West and he isn't starting and they are saying this and that. Everybody is going to say what they are saying, but we know the truth."

That's why DeMarco isn't saying anything because he knows that Eddie (White) is a point guard and he can't stop that. When you have two really good points, what can you really do about that, but let them take turns starting? They share the minutes. Whoever starts plays the

first and third quarters. Whoever comes in plays the second and fourth quarters. We will get the same minutes. There is no complaining coming from them. You ask Marco and he'll say he feels good at East Side instead of West. This team we have now, I think, will be good."

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## Miles steals show in contest vs. DeSmet

Senior records 24 points, 10 boards, 10 blocks

By Steve Porter  
Staff writer

Darius Miles, as expected, stole the show Sunday at the first Fullcourt Classic.

St. Louis' 6-foot-9 senior center, considered one of the premier basketball players in the nation, scored 24 points, picked off 10 rebounds and blocked 10 shots in the Flyers' 59-54 win over Creve Coeur (Mo.) DeSmet. Call it a triple-double night.

More than 3,600 fans squeezed into the Vadalabene Center to watch the main event game between East St. Louis and DeSmet, the defending Missouri large-school state champions. Overall, more than 4,000 fans attended the six-game, all-day event.

"We printed 4,300 tickets, and we didn't have any left, so we're going to sell more things," said East Alton's Rich Coffman of Sports Mark, which coordinated the Classic. "This event has been a labor of love for us, and we were able to do the things we wanted to do. We had good basketball, and I thought the fans liked it."

East St. Louis improved to 4-1. The Flyers' 59-54 win has been to Aurora West in overtime at the Galesburg tournament.

Eric Blanett and 6-foot-6 Joe Ries each scored 19 points for DeSmet.

It was quite a weekend for Miles. On Friday, he scored 35 points, collected 16 rebounds and blocked 12 shots in the

Flyers' 81-58 Southwestern Conference win at Collinsville. East St. Louis will be making another appearance in Edwardsville on Dec. 18, when the Flyers battle the Tigers in a SWC contest.

Elsewhere Sunday, Hazelwood (Mo.) West shaded Madison 51-49 in a boy's game while Normandy nudged over First Academy of Orlando, Fla., 40-39 in a girls contest.

Bryant Lyles, a 6-foot-11 junior forward, had 18 points, 10 rebounds for Hazelwood (West) (2-2) against Madison (2-2). Andrew Jones led the Trojans with 13 points.

Normandy (8-1) came in from the battle of two-time defending girls state champions, Va. Niles.

Erica Lyles (18) and Jessica Hough threw in 10 more for the Redskins, a Class A team. Sarah Brooks scored 17 points for the First Academy.

East Alton's Chris Pilz, a former college star at the University of Missouri at St. Louis, figures events still will go well for Class A.

"We want to play the best people possible and when you face teams from the Southwestern Conference, like Alton, it will help us," he said.

The Redbirds' 65-51 victory didn't faze him.

"Alton has a nice club. They could have beaten us by 10 if they had wanted to," said Pilz.

"Hopefully, we'll learn something from this game. It was a neat experience for our kids," he said.

## Warriors can't pin down win vs. Tigers

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Wagner tried to make it as painless as possible. He juggled the lineup near the end of the match, inserting Mark Goodman at #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, #6, #7, #8, #9, #10, #11, #12, #13, #14, #15, #16, #17, #18, #19, #20, #21, #22, #23, #24, #25, #26, #27, #28, #29, #30, #31, #32, #33, #34, #35, #36, #37, #38, #39, #40, #41, #42, #43, #44, #45, #46, #47, #48, #49, #50, #51, #52, #53, #54, #55, #56, #57, #58, #59, #60, #61, #62, #63, #64, #65, #66, #67, #68, #69, #70, #71, #72, #73, #74, #75, #76, #77, #78, #79, #80, #81, #82, #83, #84, #85, #86, #87, #88, #89, #90, #91, #92, #93, #94, #95, #96, #97, #98, #99, #100, #101, #102, #103, #104, #105, #106, #107, #108, #109, #110, #111, #112, #113, #114, #115, #116, #117, #118, #119, #120, #121, #122, #123, #124, #125, #126, #127, #128, #129, #130, #131, #132, #133, #134, #135, #136, #137, #138, #139, #140, #141, #142, #143, #144, #145, #146, #147, #148, #149, #150, #151, #152, #153, #154, #155, #156, #157, #158, #159, #160, #161, #162, #163, #164, #165, #166, #167, #168, #169, #170, #171, #172, 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## Sports

## Boys basketball

## BOYS BASKETBALL

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## Sports

## Upcoming MVCHA games

DATE	TIME	RANK	HOME	AWAY
Dec. 9	7:30	EA	Edwardsville	Granite City
Dec. 11	4:30	FH	Belleville West	Cahokia
Dec. 11	5:15	CA	Columbia	Southwestern
Dec. 11	5:45	EA	Roxana	Jerseyville
Dec. 12	5:35	FH	Marquette	Highland
Dec. 12	6:45	EA	Alton	Bellefontaine East
Dec. 12	7:15	EA	Columbia	Southwestern
Dec. 12	8:15	EA	Jerseyville	Waterloo
Dec. 13	6:45	FH	Bellefontaine West	Edwardsville
Dec. 15	6:45	FH	Granite City	Highland
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Dec. 15	7:30	EA	Granite City	Freeburg
Dec. 16	4:30	EA	Granite City	Highland
Dec. 16	5:15	EA	Columbia	Highland
Dec. 16	5:45	EA	O'Fallon	Alton
Dec. 16	6:00	EA	Alton	Bellefontaine East
Dec. 19	5:45	FH	Waterloo	Alton
Dec. 19	6:45	EA	Bellefontaine West	Collinsville
Dec. 19	7:15	EA	Marquette	O'Fallon
Dec. 20	5:15	EA	Freeburg	Columbia
Dec. 21	8:00	EA	O'Fallon	Granite City
Dec. 22	5:45	EA	Roxana	Jerseyville

Dec. 22	7:00	EA	Edwardsville	Bethalto
Dec. 22	8:15	GC	Granite City	Marquette
Dec. 23	7:30	EA	FAWR	Waterloo
Dec. 25	5:45	EA	Marquette	Highland
Dec. 26	6:45	EA	Highland	Marquette
Dec. 26	6:45	EA	Jerseyville	Bellefontaine West
Dec. 26	7:30	EA	Bellefontaine East	Roxana
Dec. 26	8:15	EA	Southwestern	Freeburg
Dec. 27	6:45	EA	Columbia	Alton
Dec. 28	6:45	EA	Jerseyville	Southwestern
Dec. 29	5:45	EA	Edwardsville	Highland
Dec. 29	7:00	EA	Marquette	Marquette
Dec. 30	7:30	EA	Edwardsville	Highland
Jan. 1	4:30	FH	Waterloo	Highland
Jan. 1	5:30	EA	Alton	Highland
Jan. 1	6:00	FH	O'Fallon	Bethalto
Jan. 2	5:45	FH	Freeburg	Roxana
Jan. 2	6:45	EA	Southwestern	Southwestern
Jan. 2	7:15	EA	Granite City	Marquette
Jan. 2	8:15	EA	Highland	Southwestern
Jan. 3	5:45	EA	Marquette	Bellefontaine West
Jan. 4	5:45	EA	O'Fallon	Southwestern
Jan. 5	7:00	EA	Jerseyville	Southwestern
Jan. 6	8:15	EA	Granite City	Alton
Jan. 6	9:30	EA	FAWR	Roxana

All times are p.m., unless otherwise noted. Rinks: FH - Fairview Heights; EA - East Alton; GC - Granite City; CA - Cahokia

## DR. NESTOR ZENAROSA

will retire January 1, 2000  
after 30 years of practicing  
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Dr. Zenarosa has selected

## DR. MATTHEW HAGEMAN

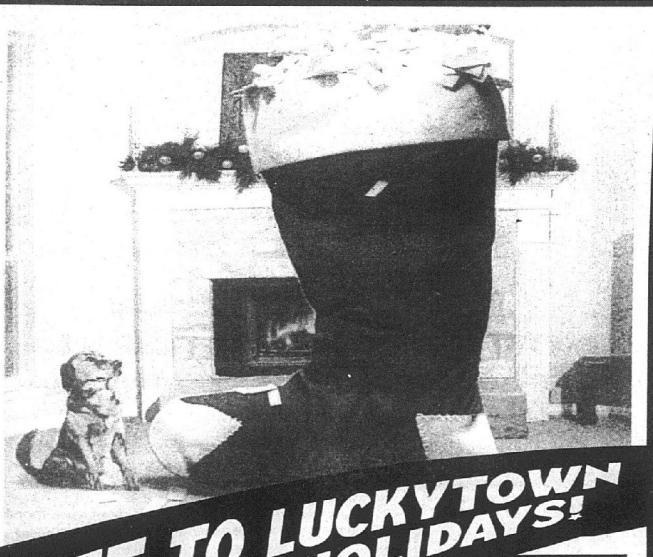
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to serve the healthcare needs  
of his patients. After careful  
and thoughtful consideration,  
Dr. Zenarosa chose

Dr. Hageman based on his  
education and qualifications.

Dr. Hageman's office is located at  
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## Sports

## Fall all-SWC honors

Southwestern Conference  
all-conference volleyball

## First team

Erin Noble, Belleville West, junior; Christina Archibald, Belleville East, senior; Amanda Jackson, Belleville East, senior; Nicole Shoger, Edwardsville, senior; Mansa Mwanga, Granite City, senior; Jessica Bucknor, Collinsville, senior;

## Second team

Lataisha Dickey, East Alton, sophomore; Cindy McRae, Belleville East, senior; Stacey Deluca, Collinsville, senior; Liz Wanless, Belleville West, senior; Tiffany Draper, Edwardsville, senior; Nickei Santer, Belleville East, junior.

## Honorable mention

Lashonda Chapman, Alton, sophomore; Diane Murphy, Granite City, senior; Ashley Edwards, Granite City, junior; Shelly Smith, Belleville West, senior; Kristin King, East St. Louis, senior; Kendra Loxton, Belleville West, junior; Sara Joyce, Edwardsville, senior.

Southwestern Conference  
all-conference boys soccer

## First team

Field players - Dyan Bechtold, Alton, junior; Kyle Murphy, Granite City, senior; Kyle Mazzaglio, Belleville West, senior; Jon Mazzaglio, Collinsville, senior; Luke Kruhalmeyer, Edwardsville, junior; Matt Arntz, Edwardsville, senior; Brandon Gaylor, Edwardsville, junior; Mike Smith, Granite City, junior; Jason McMillan, Granite City, senior.

## Goalkeeper - Justin Roehr, Granite City, senior.

Southwestern Conference  
all-conference football

## First team offense

Quarterback - Matt Alana, Edwardsville, senior; Running Back - Travis Evans, Edwardsville, senior; Eric Stewart, Collinsville, senior; Guillermo Davis, Belleville West, sophomore.

## Second team offense

Quarterback - Matt Alana, Edwardsville, senior; Running Back - Travis Evans, Edwardsville, senior; Eric Stewart, Collinsville, senior; Guillermo Davis, Belleville West, sophomore.

Southwestern Conference  
all-conference boys soccer

## First team

Field players - Dylan Bechtold, Alton, junior; Kyle Murphy, Granite City, senior; Mike Smith, Granite City, senior; Jon Mazzaglio, Collinsville, senior; Luke Kruhalmeyer, Edwardsville, junior; Matt Arntz, Edwardsville, senior; Brandon Gaylor, Edwardsville, junior; Mike Smith, Granite City, junior; Jason McMillan, Granite City, senior.

## Goalkeeper - Justin Roehr, Granite City, senior.

Southwestern Conference  
all-conference girls soccer

## First team

Field players - Dyan Bechtold, Alton, junior; Kyle Murphy, Granite City, senior; Kyle Mazzaglio, Belleville West, senior; Jon Mazzaglio, Collinsville, senior; Luke Kruhalmeyer, Edwardsville, junior; Matt Arntz, Edwardsville, senior; Brandon Gaylor, Edwardsville, junior; Mike Smith, Granite City, junior; Jason McMillan, Granite City, senior.

## Goalkeeper - Justin Roehr, Granite City, senior.

Southwestern Conference  
all-conference girls soccer

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Dec 4

Evansville (Ind.) Memorial 40, Belleville Althoff 45

Althoff

16 10 13 - 45

Evansville Memorial

15 18 15 21 - 66

Totals

45 18 44

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Evansville Mem. PTS 2FG FGA 3FG 3FA FT FTA FLSTL AST OF DF TN BK

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Belleville East

22 17 20 - 60

Alton

9 6 5 7 - 27

Totals

42 13 33

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Belleville East, 2FG 3FG 3FA FT FTA FLSTL AST OF DF TN BK

Belleville East

PTS 2FG FGA 3FG 3FA FT FTA FLSTL AST OF DF TN BK

Nickie Sartori

11 5 0 0 0 1 2 1 1 0 1 4 1 0

Adrienne May

11 3 0 0 0 5 6 0 1 1 2 1 0 0

Christine Brink

5 2 0 0 0 2 2 0 1 2 0 1 0 0

Kim Lumpkin

9 3 0 0 0 1 2 0 0 1 2 0 1 0

Brenna Murphy

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Monet Sanders

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Amanda Jackson

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Julie Cuthbertson

6 3 0 0 0 1 2 0 0 1 2 0 2 0

Jill Hawawach

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Keri Higgins

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Kerry Grandy

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Monica Milton

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Vanessa Ramsey

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Allison Anderson

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Lindsay Butford

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Laura Collins

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Ashley Harris

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Charmaine Heims

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Kiera Martin

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Tiria Klemm

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Christine Stack

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Lydia Torrez

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Mysha Walker

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Totals

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Belleville West, 2FG 3FG 3FA FT FTA FLSTL AST OF DF TN BK

Peoria Woodruff

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Belleville West

6 15 11 9 - 41

Totals

40 16 47

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Dec. 4

Belleville West 41, Peoria Woodruff 28

Peoria Woodruff

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Johnston

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Jackson

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Collinsville

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Collinsville

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Lebanon

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Collinsville

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## News

# The holidays are a busy time for DUI arrests

Illinois state police will be out in force during the next 30 days looking for drunk drivers

By Kerry Smith  
Staff writer

It's a fact that the advent of the holidays brings the onset of an increasing number of DUIs.

Statistics from the national organization of Mothers Against Drunk Drivers reveal

that out of 192 traffic fatalities last New Year's Eve and New Year's Day, 129 of the deaths - 67 percent - were alcohol related. Last Thanksgiving and the night before, the national statistics tell a similar tale: out of 570 roadway fatalities, 231 of them - 40 percent - occurred as a result of drunk drivers.

Illinois State Police report that DUI-related fatalities in 1998 were slightly lower than they were last year. ISP Lt. Chuck Brueggemann said as of Wednesday, there have been 100 traffic fatalities so far this year in the five-county area including Madison, Monroe, Clinton, Bond and St. Clair counties.

"Last year we were at a total of 110 roadway fatalities by Dec. 1," Brueggemann said. "These are not all alcohol related, but still it's encouraging to know that there are fewer traffic fatalities in 1999 than there were in 1998."

Brueggemann expects DUI arrests to increase during the next 30 days.

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Illinois state police

keep that seatbelt fastened. Typically, the fatalities are in less dense traffic areas and the impact in terms of miles per hour is greater. The seatbelt can mean the difference between a fatality and a minor injury."

Illinois State Police are keeping a keener eye on multiple violators during this holiday season.

He said, "We've increased the number of covert cars - Mustangs and Camaros - that are monitoring motorists."

Madison County State's Attorney Tom Gibbons, who heads the misdemeanor division, agrees the December marks the busiest month in terms of DUI arrests issued in Madison County.

"People are celebrating and taking more opportunities where they're in situations involving drinking and driving," Gibbons said. "A lot of police departments and public safety agencies throughout the county are stepping up their DUI patrols during this season."

As of Dec. 1, 10 DUI charges have been made against Madison County drivers. Gibbons said a total of 1,211 were issued in 1998.

"The Illinois Legislature has been very good about introducing new DUI laws," Gibbons said. "It's not

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Madison county state's attorney

uncommon for us to see someone with multiple DUIs in a short period of time. A lot of these people are just seriously ill."

The real deterrent to future DUIs, Gibbons said, is felony prosecution. First-time DUI offenders are generally charged with only a misdemeanor, he said, but

repeat violators are likely to earn themselves a felony.

The most severe sentence for a DUI offender is one to three years in a penitentiary and a fine of up to \$10,000.

"Illinois was one of the first states to go to a .08 blood-alcohol limit," the county prosecutor said.

"That's not two beers at a bar."

MADD Illinois executive director Brad Fralick said corporate parties seem to have influenced the increase of DUI tragedies during December.

"Law enforcement agencies we talk to agree that December is the busiest month for DUIs," Fralick said. "What we're finding is that a majority of the injuries and fatalities occur on weekends, not on weekdays. Either for hobby reasons or because they're trying to do the right thing, we've seen some progress in the way companies are taking more responsibility as to how much alcohol their guests are allowed to consume."

Starting this week, MADD will run a radio commercial on WGN, WBBM and WLS that focuses on picking a designated driver for trips home from the employee Christmas party.



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## Don't overlook sleep this holiday season

Health Department: Fatigue and driving can be a dangerous combination

By Jennifer Saxton  
Staff writer

With the holiday season in full swing, people are constantly going and forgetting the essentials. Sleep may be one of those important priorities that may be overlooked during the holidays.

During the holidays, families are often more sleep deprived and, unfortunately, on the road more often. The Madison County Health Department said mix fatigue with driving can be just as dangerous as driving under the influence of

alcohol or drugs. Chae Li Yong, of the Madison County Health Department, offers safety advice to drivers on the road late at night, coming home from holiday parties, shopping or late nights at work.

Safe drivers should be aware of their own biological clock, while some people are "morning people" others are "night people." Drivers should make sure when they are most alert and most sleepy.

While coffee or cola can help to drivers feel more alert, they should not be used as a substitute for sleep. The effects of caffeine will only last for a short time. A coffee drink will help, but if a driver is sleep deprived, they are still likely to take mini naps lasting around

four or five seconds.

"Being asleep for even a few seconds when you're driving can kill you or someone else," Yong said.

The average person required seven or eight hours sleep per night. And teenagers and young adults require more sleep than people in their 30s, even though they usually don't get enough.

In one study, in fatigue-related crashes drivers slept two and a half hours less during the night, which prior to the crash than truckers who crashed for other reasons.

Madison County offers tips for drivers during the holiday season:

• Start any trip by getting enough sleep the night before. Drive during times of the day you are normally

awake and stay overnight rather than traveling straight through the night.

• Avoid driving during work hours or your own time. Between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. is the most dangerous time for drowsiness.

Talk with your passenger to make sure a passenger observe you for signs of sleepiness. Let someone else drive or pull over. A nap could save your life and several others.

• Schedule a break every two hours or every 100 miles or stop sooner if you have any of the following danger signals:

Your eyes close or go out of focus by themselves; have trouble paying attention; have trouble keeping your head up; keep yawning; have wandering, disconnected thoughts; do not remember the last few miles; drift between lanes; tailgate and miss traffic signs; keeping jerking the car back into the lane; drift off the road and narrowly miss crashing and miss your exit.

Yong said when a driver becomes aware of any of these danger signs, they should get off the road.

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Film timetable for Wednesday, Dec. 8. For times on other days or to confirm these times, check local theaters.	5:55 The Messenger (R) 8:05 American Beauty (R) 2:15, 8:10 The Insider (R) 1:30, 4:40, 7:50	Three To Tango (PG-13) 7:10, 9:15 Fight Club (R) 7:00, 9:40	7:00, 9:25 Sixth Sense (R) 1:30, 4:20, 7:00, 9:25	Sleepy Hollow (R) 4:30, 7:30, 8:00, 9:30 Sleepy Hollow (R) 5:30, 8:00, 9:30 The Bone Collector (R) 4:50, 7:30, 10:10 The Messenger (R) 3:40, 6:45, 9:45 Dogma (R) 6:00, 7:40, 10:25	Anywhere But Here (PG-13) 4:40, 7:15, 10:00 Pokemon (G) 4:10, 6:20, 9:00	
<b>CARMIKE PETITE</b> I-70 and Hwy. 157, Collinsville, Ill. 344-1708 Check theater for shows and times		<b>NAMEOKI CINEMA</b> 2600 Target Drive, B22-2463 End Of Days (R) 4:25, 7:00, 9:25 Toy Story 2 (G) 4:45, 7:05, 9:10 Music Of The Heart (PG) 4:50, 7:15 Sleepy Hollow (R) 4:50, 7:10, 9:15 House On Haunted Hill (R) 5:00, 7:00, 9:00 The Bone Collector (R) 4:45, 7:20, 9:45 The World Is Not Enough (PG-13) 4:30, 7:05, 9:40 Light It Up (R) 4:30, 7:15, 9:20 Sixth Sense (PG-13) 4:55, 7:40, 9:45 The Bachelor (PG-13) 5:10, 7:35, 9:40 The Best Man (R) 4:40, 7:20, 9:35 Pokemon (G) 5:15, 7:30, 9:30 Omega Code (PG-13) 5:30, 7:45, 9:45 The Messenger (R) 4:35, 7:25	<b>OXFALLON 15 CINE</b> 1320 Central Park Dr., O'Fallon, Ill. 822-2463 Dogma (R) 1:30, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30 The World Is Not Enough (PG-13) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:45 The World Is Not Enough (PG-13) 2:15, 5:00, 7:50, 10:30 The World Is Not Enough (PG-13) 2:45, 5:40, 8:30 The Insider (R) 1:30, 4:00, 7:00, 9:30 The Messenger (R) 5:00 Star Wars (PG) 1:00, 4:20, 7:30 Toy Story 2 (G) 2:20, 4:40, 7:10, 9:30 Toy Story 2 (G) 1:00, 3:15, 5:40, 8:10, 10:30 Toy Story 2 (G) 1:45, 4:00, 6:30, 9:00 Story Of Us (R) 4:40, 9:25 Music Of The Heart (PG) 2:15, 7:00 Anywhere But Here (PG-13) 1:00, 3:20, 5:40, 8:05, 10:20 Bone Collector (R) 1:30, 4:10, 7:15, 9:40 Bone Collector (R) 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:20 The Best Man (R) 2:50, 5:20, 7:50, 10:20	<b>ST. CLAIR 10</b> 516 Ludwing Drive, 822-2463 Pokemon (G) 1:00, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45 Pokemon (G) 2:00, 4:15, 6:30, 8:45 End Of Days (R) 1:15, 4:00, 7:15 Light It Up (R) 1:25, 6:45 House On Haunted Hill (R) 4:05, 9:10 Sleepy Hollow (R) 1:10, 3:30, 6:00, 8:20 Sleepy Hollow (R) 2:10, 4:30, 6:30, 8:30 Double Jeopardy (R) 1:20, 4:20, 6:50, 9:20 The Bachelor (PG-13) 1:05, 4:15, 6:40, 9:15 The Omega Code (PG-13) 1:30, 4:10, 6:35, 9:00	<b>ROXANA CINE THEATER</b> Roxana, Ill. 254-6746 Pokemon (G) 6:45	<b>WATERLOO CINEMA</b> Route 3, 939-9997 Check theater for shows and times
<b>EASTGATE CINE</b> Eastgate Plaza, E. Alton, Ill., 254-5289 Omega Code (PG-13) 4:10, 6:50 Toy Story 2 (G) 3:50, 6:30 Sleepy Hollow (R) 4:40, 7:30 End Of Days (R) 4:30, 7:00 Pokemon (G) 4:20, 6:40 The World Is Not Enough (PG-13) 4:00, 7:20	<b>COTTONWOOD</b> Edwardsville Cinema Edwardsville, Ill., 656-6390 The Sixth Sense (PG-13) 7:00 For Love Of The Game (PG-13) 6:45 Double Jeopardy (R) 7:30	<b>GALLERIA 6</b> 30 St. Louis Galleria, 721-3722 Toy Story 2 (G) 1:30, 3:40, 5:55, 8:00 Toy Story 2 (G) 2:30, 5:00, 7:10 Anywhere But Here (PG-13) 2:00, 5:40, 8:15 Pokemon (G) 1:40, 3:45,	<b>SHOWPLACE 12</b> EDWARDSVILLE 6633 Center Grove Rd., 659-7469 Toy Story 2 (G) 3:45, 6:10, 8:45 Toy Story 2 (G) 4:15, 6:30, 9:10 End Of Days (R) 4:00, 7:00, 9:50 The World Is Not Enough (PG-13) 3:50, 6:40, 9:40 The World Is Not Enough (PG-13) 4:20, 7:20, 10:20	<b>HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH</b> 2606 Washington Ave. • Granite City <b>FISH FRY</b> DECEMBER 10, 1999 4:00 to 7:00 P.M. HAND DIPPED COD FISH • Cole Slaw • French Fries Spaghetti or Macaroni & Cheese Coffee • Tea DESSERT, SODA & BEER AVAILABLE PUBLIC WELCOME CARRY OUTS AVAILABLE		

## Test your cable T.V. knowledge

By Kevin Carberry  
Staff writer

I have been aware of cable TV since the early 1980s and one question sticks out in my mind about it.

Just how many Australians have been killed by sharks? I am a fan of the Discovery Channel like I am, and watch it with any kind of regularity. I have a collection of interviews with Aussies who found themselves in the jaws of the nasty sea creatures. There is little doubt that the people are telling the truth as they are often displayed with marks on their legs and arms, if they managed to retain the limbs.

My family first signed up for basic cable as a way to finally get good reception at our home, which is located at the bottom of a hill. We had no idea what we would get in the form of programming, and we were not disappointed. I can say that everything I have seen on cable TV has been interesting, but at least it has offered an alternative to the major television networks.

I am an addict of the Comedy Central cable channel. "Win Ben Stein's Money" is a hoot, a much more entertaining game show than "Who Wants To Be A Millionaire." "The Daily Show" with Jon Stewart, "I Enjoy "South Park" and "The Man Show," both of which are brilliant, are at the most common denominator which, I suppose, includes me.

On the other hand, I also find myself watching news shows such as "CNN" and "MSNBC" as a program to catch if you enjoy hearing educated people yell at other "Hardball with Chris Matthews" is intriguing to those of us who get a kick out of seeing members of the news media take potshots at politicians.

Finally, for those who are sports nuts, the NFL television is a Godsend. I am able to watch some type of athletic event on basic cable practically every night of the year. Immediately after a game, you can turn on the remote control to bring up "SportsCenter" on ESPN. It is hard to imagine life without ESPN.

For this week's quiz, the topic is basic cable TV.

1. What show that gained popularity on Comedy Central before moving to the Sci-Fi

Channel involved a human and some robots making fun of terribilites?

2. Who was the host of the MTV program "Remote Control," an off-the-wall game show?

3. "Talk Soup" is a popular show on which basic cable channel?

4. On what dating show did Jenny McCarthy and Carmen Electra once appear, at different times, as contestants?

5. Who was the host of "The Daily Show" on MTV before Jon Stewart took over the job?

6. "China Club" is a program on which basic cable channel?

7. In "Beavis and Butt-head," the boys wore T-shirts with the names of what rock groups on them?

8. On what VH1 program can you learn about the tragic lives of such performers as Leif Garrett and Bette Midler?

9. What A&E channel program delivers in the lives of famous politicians, criminals, entertainers and athletes from history?

10. Which ESPN sportscaster made up a name for himself by inventing ridiculous nicknames for athletes on "SportsCenter"?

ANSWER: 1. Mystery Science Theater 3000, one of my favorite shows of all time.

2. Ken Ober, Colin Quinn, now on "Saturday Night Live," was his sidekick.

3. Entertainment Television.

4. "Singled Out," on MTV.

5. Craig Kilborn, who now has his own show on TBS. In this show, they have monkeys act out scenes from movies. It is bizarre.

7. AC/DC (Butt-head) and Metallica (Beavis).

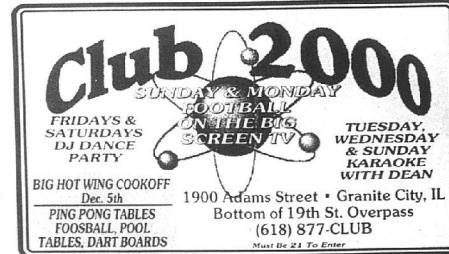
8. "Behind the Music."

9. Chris Berman.

I will host the following upcoming trivia nights:

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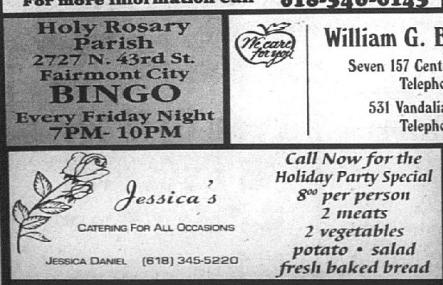
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**Granite City High School class of January 1944**

The Granite City Senior High School held their 55th year class reunion at Sunset Hills County Club. Back row, from left, James Jennings, Harvey Hieken, and Robert Hill. Front row, from left, Rose Marie Walker Bauer, Millie Todoroff Chandler, Olga Paveletic Mink, and



Submitted photo

Virgil Kambarian, principal of Marshall Elementary School, accepts a \$500 check from Dan Greene, of Firefighters Local 253, for the Marshall School Clothing Fund.

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**Janek receives scholarship**

Jonas Janek, a 1998 graduate of Granite City Senior High School, is the recipient of the 1999-2000 Harry William Skinner Memorial Scholarship at Illinois College. Robert D. Moore established the Skinner Scholarship in 1987. Jonas is the son of John and Janice Janek of Granite City.

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# Robbery suspect charged with harassing witness

Wood River man threatened local woman from Madison County Jail

By Dennis Grubaugh  
Staff writer

A suspect in a violent armed robbery was charged Wednesday with threatening a female witness via a telephone

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With a telephone  
call from the Madison County Jail.

Corey C. Hankins, 19, of Wood River, was charged in Madison County Circuit Court with harassment of a witness, a felony.

Detective Scott Sandidge

of the Madison County Sheriff's Department said Hankins made the collect call Monday, and the witness reported it to authorities. Sandidge wouldn't divulge specifics of the conversation but said Hankins admitted making the call when confronted.

Sandidge said the witness was not the female gas station attendant whom Hankins and others are accused of robbing Nov. 14.

Authorities have charged Hankins, his brother Sammie D. Hankins, 17, of Madison, and "an associate," Stacey T.

Samuels, 20, of East St. Louis, with the armed robbery of the Clark gas station, 73 E. Airline Drive, Rosewood Heights. About \$330 was taken from the station's cash register. During the robbery, a gun was held to the head of the clerk and she was sprayed with Mace. She had to be treated for chemical burns at a hospital.

Samuels was charged Wednesday. The others had been charged earlier. Both Samuels and Sammie Hankins remained at large Wednesday.

"We expect them to be

picked up very quickly," Sandidge said.

Jail inmates are limited only by time and money in making telephone calls from the jail, said Capt. Robert Hertz of the Sheriff's Department.

Each cellblock has a pay phone - minus coin slots - that can be used by inmates from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily. Calls are 25 cents a minute if they are collect or if an inmate bills a call to a confirming party, Hertz said.

"They can call the president or whoever they want to as long as they can pay for it

County," Hertz said. "Calls are not monitored or tailed, he said.

However, the department can get a record of the numbers being called if questionable situations develop.

Deputies determined that the man fled the robbery scene in a Chevrolet Corsica that was traced to a Madison area resident, who knows the men but is not linked to the robbery, Sandidge said.

Corey Hankins was picked up soon afterward in Grenada, Miss., where he had family members. He waived extradition and was brought back to the county by detectives.

**"They can call the president or whoever they want to as long as they can pay for it and it's not at the expense of the taxpayers of Madison County."**

**Robert Hertz**  
Sheriff's department

and it's not at the expense of the taxpayers of Madison

## Charter takes over AT&T cable

Company will run operations for entire metro area

By Christopher England  
Staff writer

Charter Communications, a publicly traded company that serves Madison County as a cable and Internet provider, has signed a letter of intent with AT&T Broadband & Internet Services to trade certain cable systems, including the AT&T BIS-owned systems in the St. Louis metropolitan area.

"This transaction brings the advantages of broadband to our market that will be offered by Charter to virtually the entire St. Louis region," said Jerald L. Kent, Charter president and CEO. Kent said the trade means that St. Louis and the Metro East will become a super cluster and will effectively become the flagship market for the company.

"We not only want to put St. Louis in the fast lane of

technology development, we want to make it the pace car for the information superhighway," Kent said.

According to Kent, St. Louis will be a test bed for state-of-the-art telecommunications that allows customers in our region to experience the benefits of Charter's Wired World vision.

According to the Missouri Cable Association, the proposed exchange would make Charter the largest cable operator in the state of Missouri.

Charter said Charter's strategy for growth from the beginning has been to geographically cluster cable systems to gain operating efficiencies and economies of scale.

"We are upgrading our cable infrastructure to offer customers digital cable television, high speed Internet and to build in the capacity for full broadband portal services," Kent said.

When the transaction is

completed, Charter will take over the ownership of AT&T BIS cable systems serving approximately 704,000 customers in St. Louis metropolitan area, along with several additional communities in Missouri, Illinois, Alabama and Georgia.

AT&T BIS will assume ownership of Charter's systems serving approximately 632,000 customers, plus an undisclosed amount of cash.

The systems AT&T BIS will redivide into Fort Worth, Texas, as well as select communities in Massachusetts, Connecticut, California, Tennessee and Kentucky.

In the Metro East, Charter currently operates systems in Granite City, Edwardsville, Collinsville, Troy and Monroe County. AT&T operates in Belleville, Cahokia, East St. Louis, Alton, East Alton, Wood River and Bethalto.

SIUE's new residence hall, Bluff Hall, could be a step closer to completion when the university's board of trustees meets next week.

Southern Illinois University Edwardsville Chancellor David Werner

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request board approval to seek bids on the third residence hall at Thursday's meeting.

"This is the next step in the process," Werner said.

Bluff Hall, to be built near the existing residence hall, will be constructed in fall 2001. The board approved the name for the residence hall at the end of April.

Officials also will request approval to increase the budget for renovation of Cougar Village apartments. Werner said this also is just the next step in this process.

The board approved additional funding for the renovation project at the end of 14 months. The increased funding is needed because of asbestos and structural damage that was discovered during renovations began.

The project originally was budgeted at \$20 million.

"We would have hoped to have it done for less," Werner said.

He said university officials knew there was some asbestos in the buildings, but they discovered additional asbestos when renovations began. Werner said there also were some apartments in which the ceilings and floors have deteriorated internally and need repairs.

"It's definitely worth it to make the apartments useable for the next 25 years," he said.

The original plan was to work on the renovations in the summers of 1999 and 2000, but the university will now work on the apartments

during the school year. Some of the apartments will need to be gutted, removed kitchens or bathrooms. Some apartments also need their balconies replaced. Different apartments and buildings will receive different work based on what is needed.

Four apartment buildings, which contain eight apartments each, are vacant because of the renovation work. The oldest set of apartment buildings was constructed in 1972.

This is not the first problem to arise with the renovations of student housing at SIUE. In May, state officials filed suit against St. Louis Environmental Corp. and MJC Constructors Inc. when an inspector discovered debris in a building. The university's contract stated that asbestos was to be properly removed.

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# Heavenly Baking

## Chocolate chips, flour and sugar pave path to glory

By Janice Denham  
Staff writer

Allelia! 'Tis the season to be merry and bold. Goodies and other treats are the choice of the shelf 11 months of the year. Now the cookie jar is getting Toll House chocolate chip cookies, Snickerdoodles and Cherry Winks.

Cookbook author Lauren Groves urges people to indulge themselves in cooking endeavors.

There is an atmosphere about baking in the kitchen. You can't purchase the physical and sensory implications. There are the anticipatory smells. Even the

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### Baking Basics

• Before starting, read through the recipe to avoid surprises.

• Assemble ingredients and equipment before beginning.

• Measure accurately. Use pans specified in the recipe.

• Tap on rim to settle them as directed.

• Grease and flour pan, apply solid shortening with waxed paper, melted shortening with a pastry brush, then sprinkle the pan with flour and shake it until it is coated. Remove the pan and tap on rim again.

• If a recipe calls for

margarine butter, use the stick kind, not the tub type because it has extra water.

Use the right sugar. If it just says "sugar," use granulated, the kind offered for coffee and tea. "Confectioner's" or

"powdered" sugar is finer and fluffier. Confectioner's and brown sugar should be used only if specified in the recipe.

• Let baking sheets cool before removing cookies.

• Set oven rack in the center of the oven. Do not let pans touch each other or any of the oven walls using more than one rack, stagger pans so they are not stacked in the oven.

• Wait until the minimum baking time has passed before opening oven to check doneness. Unless otherwise directed, cookies should feel set and dry to the touch, but they should have soft spring in the dough. Drop cookies often settle as they cool.

• To avoid softening, cool cookies before storing individual varieties in airtight containers.

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Shape chocolate to fine tastes with melting from kitchen helper. INSIDE

### Lively Taste

Tangy cranberries make a lively glaze for a beef roast. Rub 3 to 3 1/2 pounds beef roast with olive oil and mince garlic. Combine 1 cup chopped cranberries, 1 teaspoon lemon zest and 1/2 cup chopped fresh parsley. Rub this mixture on the roast, too. Roast in a preheated 350-degree oven for 10 minutes. Reduce heat to 350 degrees and bake 50 minutes longer for medium degree of doneness. Slice roast, add gravy. Serve with cranberry chutney or whole-beer-whey cranberry sauce mixed with orange zest. Makes 8 servings.

## Health & Fitness

### Medicine Chest

Frequent hand washing is key to decreasing the spread of germs in the winter. Germs can move through the air, but they also are on surfaces, like the hands. Whenever things touch, new germs are picked up. So, wash surfaces. Since telephones and computer keyboards, necessitate washing hands often.

### Fresh Picks

Pears are an any-time snack. Rather than depending on color to check for ripeness, apply gentle thumb pressure near the base of the stem. When it yields slightly, it's ripe. Flavorful pears blend with fruit, meat and vegetables to add a touch of sweetness and moistness. Try them in sandwiches. For an open-face sandwich, spread 1 slice multi-grain or rye sandwich bread with 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard. Place 1 slice cooked or smoked turkey, then a slice of cheese. Spread pears on top. Sprinkle with 2 tablespoons shredded low-fat mozzarella cheese. Add coarsely ground pepper to taste. Cut each sandwich in half. Serve open face.

### Big Fat Tip

Be kind to everyone by not overloading guests — and having days of leftovers to eat — to prove how much variety fits on a table. Instead, save a few special dishes privately. Provide non-alcoholic drinks, such as juices, wine spritzers and light or non-alcoholic beers. Have favorite diet sodas on hand. Instead of eating cream soups, offer nonfat frozen yogurt or other frozen treats. Offer fresh fruit salad for dessert. Serve freshly baked sweet potatoe with sliced pineapple on top for a dessert. Instead of sweet potatoe pie for dessert, offer the fat of the bird, offer a side dish of wild rice mixed with long grain white or brown rice.

### Future Shop

Cooking is not learned by osmosis. With this in mind, Corning Glass Works, in association with the prestigious Johnson & Wales University, offers on-line — www.corningware-eschool.com — a variety of cooking fundamentals. It is open to anyone interested in people want to learn more "scratch" techniques to improve family meals. Class can be audited by day or by night and the materials can be studied at one's own pace. Rather than taking notes, a student can print them out or log on again. Step-by-step classes come with photos and recipes so persons can learn to roast, grill, broil, saute, fry, bake, microwave, braise, stew, poach and steam food. "Graduate school" for pastry, sauces, specialty items and ethnic cuisines will be added later.

## Giveaway

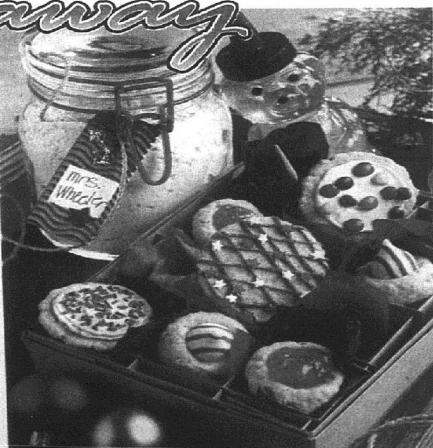
A child can help make the gift mix for Honey Spice Oatmeal Cookies or bake the cookies.

**Cookie Mix ingredients:**

- 2-3/4 cups flour
- 1 tbsp. ground ginger
- 2 tsp. cinnamon
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. ground cloves
- 1/4 tsp. nutmeg
- 1-1/2 cups uncooked oats (quick or old-fashioned)

Mix flour, ginger, cinnamon, baking soda, salt, cloves and nutmeg. Add oats and mix. Transfer to resealable plastic bag, decorative jar with lid or other airtight container. Store in cool, dry place. Give Cookie Mix with recipe.

## Kids' Cuisine



## Honey Spice Oatmeal Cookies

• 1 cup (2 sticks) butter (no substitute), softened  
• 3/4 cup honey  
• 1 egg  
• Cookie Mix

In large bowl, beat butter and honey until creamy. Add egg. Beat well. Add the Cookie Mix at a time. Beat well after each addition.

Divide dough into thirds. Place each on plastic wrap and flatten until 1/2-inch thick. Wrap tightly. Chill at least 4 hours.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Shape dough into 1-inch balls. Place 2 inches apart on ungreased cookie sheets.

Using bottom of glass dipped in granulated sugar, flatten each cookie in center.

Bake in preheated oven 5 to 7 minutes until centers are just set. Cookies will feel soft; do not overbake. Cool 1 minute, then remove from pans to rack to cool completely.

Makes about 6 dozen.

**Thumbprint Cookies:** Use thumb to indent deeply the center of each cookie dough ball. Bake as minutes until very golden brown. Immediately press small dark or white chocolate candy into indentation or fill with 1/2 teaspoon preserves. Cool.

## Today's Food

# Smart cookies give cookbooks for gifts

By Cynthia Fauser  
Correspondent

Cookbooks make great gifts. They instruct the newly independent in survival skills, as well as the newly wed in the art of entertaining. They assist with special needs to prepare food more healthfully and often include nutrient analysis.

They're creative places with taste experiences. They even remind us of home by writing down recipes passed down by family members or regional collections.

I have one cookbook with ring marks burned on its cover to remind me of a day when my lack of experience matched my lack of counter space. My husband wonders if he should attach special significance to this burnt cookbook's title, "Joy of Cooking."

As my experience continues to expand, I can imagine the joy of others through their cookbooks. Owners of small inns and bed and breakfast establishments I have visited have authored some of my favorite collections. Their reputation is built on excellent food and their recipes reflect many trials and successes.

When shopping for a cookbook gift, consider the recipient's lifestyle and experience.

Does the exotic, complicated or gourmet type of cooking appeal? Or would quick-to-fix options that make use of convenience items be more appropriate? My preferences in the realm of many working folk lean toward recipes that creatively combine easy-to-find ingredients.

Following are just a few of my favorites for giving this year:

• "Better Homes and Garden Cookbook" is a basic, tried-and-true standard especially for young people starting out on their own. Every kitchen should have this or a similar cookbook as a trusted resource and how-to guide. After

all, sometimes mom just isn't home to answer the call when help is needed.

• "Discover Dinnertime" by Susan Doser and Julia Dowling Rutland, former Southern Living magazine writers, is an amazing blend of creative, uncomplicated recipes designed to get families eating — and talking — around the family table.

• "Meals Without Squeals" by Christine Berman and Jacki Fromer is great for day care centers or homes with young children. It's a book full of kid-friendly recipes plus excellent suggestions for lunch box foods, snacks and menu planning. The author offers a gentle approach to developing healthy eating behaviors in children.

• "Breads, Soups & Salads! Step-by-Step Success for Novice or Chef" by Sharon Baizer Winstein is a new release by a local author. A cooking perfectionist, instructor and prize-winning author has allowed one to learn never-all-of-her-own. Her purpose is if a recipe is explained in enough detail, anyone can be a great cook. For the more experienced, she supplies a "Cliff-Notes" version of each recipe. Her pie crust recipe is the best ever.

• "The Essential Arthritis Cookbook" by the Arthritis Center and Department of Nutrition Sciences, University of Alabama is an excellent resource for a person with chronic pain or arthritis who has limited energy and preparation time, but still wants to prepare nutritious meals. It gives information on how diet affects arthritis.

• "The New Family Cookbook for People with Diabetes" is an update by the American Diabetes Association and the American Dietetics Association for satisfying meals the whole family will enjoy.

Registered dietitian Cynthia Fauser is nutrition specialist with University Extension (University of Missouri system) in St. Louis County.

## Hot cereals take chill from season

Hot cereal doesn't take much longer to prepare than cold varieties and it fits the season better, so tasters checked out three varieties that get as less attention than the usual packets of flavored oatmeal.

Instant Cream of Wheat variety pack and Harvest Mornings multi-grain hot cereal in raspberry Danish, both products of Nabisco for \$3.69, were tested along with Coco Wheats from Little Crow Foods for \$3.29. All were available at Dierbergs.

Testers found the Harvest Mornings cereal the tastiest, but were confused by its predominantly oatmeal taste since it was called "multigrain."

The raspberry cereal had a nice creamy texture, but could have used a stronger berry taste and more fruit chunks. It had a distinct oatmeal flavor. I'm not sure what I expected from multigrain, but it tasted like oatmeal, which was the No. 1 ingredient on the list," a tester said.

He thought it tasted like most of the fruit and cream-type instant oatmeal.

While he found it confusing, he was not satisfied with the product. The box contains a recipe for coffee cake and suggests looking for more recipes on the Nabisco web site.

Another taster liked its creamy texture.

"It has a nice berry taste when you open the package,



Hot cereals expand in new varieties with farina and oatmeal

too," she said.

She liked its low amount of sodium, and generous portion of potassium and dietary fiber.

The flavors of Instant Cream of Wheat varied. The favorite was a raisin 'n' spice, which had a reasonable amount of raisins and light flavor.

"Like any Cream of Wheat or farina cereal, the texture is fine-grained," a tester said. "First, it had a distinctly grainy taste. Then the flavor dimmed with the aroma after the box was open a few days. I had hoped the cereal would be more of an asset."

Another decided to put it on trial another time to describe the cereal better.

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## Bread recipe correction

In last week's story about the baking of Father Dominic Garramone's bread, the tasters did not say when to add the yeast. The recipe is reprinted in its entirety.

The Journal regrets the error.

### BASIC SWEET DOUGH FOR BRAIDED LOAF

1/2 cup warm water (100 to 110 degrees)  
2 pkgs. dry yeast  
1 1/2 cups milk  
1/2 cup (1 stick) butter, cut in small pieces  
2 eggs, beaten  
1/2 cup sugar  
7 to 7 1/2 cups unbleached flour  
Slivered almonds, if desired

2 tsp. salt

In large mixing bowl, add yeast to warm water. Let stand 5 to 10 minutes until foamy.

In small saucepan, heat milk and butter until butter is almost melted. Cool until lukewarm. Add to yeast. Stir in eggs, sugar and salt.

Using heavy wooden spoon, stir in 6 cups flour, 1 cup at a time, mixing thoroughly each time.

Turn dough onto lightly floured surface. Knead 6 to 8 minutes, adding enough remaining flour to make moderately stiff dough that is smooth and elastic.

Form dough into ball, butter surface lightly and place in clean bowl. Cover with towel. Let rise in warm place 1 to 1 1/2 hours until double in size.

Braided Loaf: Divide dough into 3 equal pieces. Roll each piece into 24-inch rope. Braid ropes together, tucking ends underneath. Place on greased baking sheet. Let rise, covered, in warm, draft-free place about 1 hour until doubled in size.

Just before baking, using soft pastry brush, brush 1 egg on top of the dough.

Bake in preheated 350 degree oven 45 to 50 minutes until golden brown and loaf sounds hollow when tapped. If dough begins to burn too quickly, loosely cover top with aluminum foil. Remove from oven. Use baker's peel or 2 large spoons to lift and braid from oven to cooling rack.

When cool, drizzle or brush warm loaf with glaze (1 cup confectioner's sugar, sifted, and 1 to 2 tablespoons milk, stirred until smooth). Garnish with almonds.

## Creative preparation adds flair to traditional fare

### Side dishes need a dash of glitz to avoid neglect

By Libby Mills  
Correspondent

everyone was portioning holiday eats smartly to help prevent holiday weight gain.

Though this is a beautiful strategy and practice, typically it is not the case.

Be creative. Save time, effort and space in future meals by experimenting with combinations of traditional food.

Start with a warm corn and squash soup or chilled sweet potato bisque. Imagine oven-baked layers of brown sugar, raisins, cranberries and pecans between slices of butternut and acorn squash. Homemade cranberry preserves sweeten soft hot rolled oats.

Add surprise with stuffing made with eggplant or zucchini or a casserole of cubed pumpkin or butternut squash tossed with spinach and feta cheese.

This year the auxiliary vegetables and cranberries are all the rage, so start with a debut Jewel's Carrots for a new tradition. Keeping with seasonal foods, the dish showcases recently harvested vegetables, plus nuts and berries.

On my table, I find the most frequent losers are auxiliary vegetables — green beans, carrots, peas and cranberry relish.

After all, most of us tasting each dish on a party table's edge-to-edge spread is way too much food for any one meal. Optimistically I hope

the inevitable delay to sit-down time.

Registered dietitian Libby Mills is a member of the nutrition committee of the American Heart Association, Greater St. Louis Division.

### JEWELLED CARROTS

1 1/2 cup chicken stock  
1 lb. baby carrots  
1/4 cup chopped fresh basil  
2 tbsps. extra virgin olive oil  
1/2 cup dried cranberries  
1/4 cup lightly toasted pistachio nuts  
Freshly ground pepper, if desired

Rinse carrots and basil.

In large deep pan, bring chicken stock to boil. Add carrots. Boil, covered, 15 minutes until carrots are done, but still slightly crisp. Drain all but 2 tablespoons stock. Refrigerate.

Toss carrots with oil, basil, cranberries and nuts. To taste, add pepper as desired.

Makes 6 servings; 88 calories, 7 g carbohydrate, 4 g protein, 4.5 g fat (1 g saturated), no cholesterol and 83 mg sodium each.

## Baking

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clanging sounds offer safety for children," she says.

She encourages people to exercise their baking muscles, so they learn and master without losing their enthusiasm by overdoing it.

"It is an activity that can be really thought of as a sport. Cooking muscles need to grow. You would not go to the gym and do 300 pushups the first day. You would leave in a body bag," she said.

Grovesman says every individual has a "unique sense of normal."

She enjoys baking and has helped Julia Child publish recipes for European pastries. She now enjoys passing on her house because of its aromas.

The season is meant for sharing, so when company comes, she picks "user-friendly menus" that can be broken down into steps for early preparation. She lets people help her prepare, too.

She recommends that who hold jobs outside the home learn to manage their kitchens like an office. The finest ingredients create foods with the greatest longevity. Her travels this fall included interviews and cooking classes where she shared recipes using Sharon Amareto.

Grovesman cooks big and freezes extras because "it makes the same mess whether you make one meal or more." Her kitchen has pots, pans and canisters showing, "so I hear them saying, 'Come here and use me!'"

In today's society, this is not a step backward.

Shared meals happen in any size kitchen. Ownership of these best parts of our past help fortify us. The same hands that pound a computer can make bread, too," she says.

These cookie recipes use a cook's time well to produce grandstand effects.

### TOFFEE-TOP CHEESECAKE BARS

1/2 cup cocoa powder  
1/4 tsp. baking soda  
3/4 cup (1-1/2 sticks) butter or margarine, softened  
1 cup peanut butter chips  
1 pkg. (6 oz.) sweetened dried cranberries or 1-1/3 cups raisins

1 cup walnuts, coarsely chopped

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

In medium bowl, stir together confectioner's sugar, wheat germ, cornstarch, cinnamon, nutmeg and salt. Mix well.

In large bowl, beat butter and vanilla, using electric mixer, until creamy. Add flour mixture. Beat well, scraping bowl occasionally, until well blended.

Divide dough in half. Roll each half into cylinder 9 inches long and wrap in plastic wrap.

Refrigerate at least 3 hours, or overnight.

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Lightly grease cookie sheet.

Slice dough 1/4-inch thick. Place 1 inch apart on prepared cookie sheets.

Bake in preheated oven 15 to 18 minutes until cookies just begin to turn light brown.

Cool 1 minute on cookie sheet. Remove from cookie sheet to wire racks. Cool completely. Store, tightly covered, at room temperature.

Makes about 3 dozen.

Decorating tips: Drizzle melted white or dark chocolate over cooled cookies; sprinkle with additional white or dark chocolate.

With melted white chocolate, drizzle combination of 1/3 cup confectioner's sugar, 1/2 teaspoon rum extract and just enough milk to form thin glaze.

## Today's Food

# Easy enchiladas wrap up turkey or chicken

Kim Ruhl, St. Peters, wins this week's Blue Ribbon Cook contest.

for Easy Chicken Enchiladas. The prize is dinner certificates at the Pasta House Co.

Like other family members, she blends cookbook recipes and shared secrets to make favorite recipes, like this one. Her sister, Kim Zurcher, provides the try cream cheese in the sauce.

She uses the recipe at an emergency shelter in St. Charles. She says it is simple to make and adds toppings with side dishes of rice and beans for an economical,

delicious meal. It also can be made with leftover turkey in place of the cooked chicken. The recipe for quick bread made with a fruit or vegetable should be postmarked by Dec. 31 to be considered for winning one of the Wednesdays in January.

From banana to strawberry, pumpkin to cherry, any type of fruit or vegetable should be used in the bread.

Contest winners are notified by mail. Duplicate entries will be considered on the basis of earlier entry or best compliance with the rules. Contest winners may enter again six months after their prize win-

ning publication date. Winners will be chosen from entries on the basis of taste and eye appeal, as well as originality, although the recipe need not be original. As usual, the history of the recipe is considered part of the entry. If possible, name the recipe's source.

Double-check the recipe as it is written for both amounts and directions. Include any special instructions.

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### EASY CHICKEN ENCHILADAS

2 tbsp. oil  
3 or 4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts, cut in 3/4 inch cubes  
1 pkg. (8 oz.) cream cheese  
1/2 pkg. taco seasoning  
3/4 cup water  
2 cups (8 oz.) shredded cheddar or taco blend cheese  
10 flour tortillas

Optional toppings: shredded lettuce, diced tomato, salsa, sliced black olives, sour cream

In large skillet, heat oil. Over medium heat, cook chicken until no longer pink. Remove from skillet.

In same skillet over low heat, warm cream cheese until soft, stirring until smooth. Stir in taco seasoning and water. Use wire whisk if necessary. Blend thoroughly until sauce is smooth. Add chicken. Remove from heat.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Lightly coat 11- by-9-

inch pan with nonstick cooking spray.

Soften tortillas 1 minute on high power in microwave oven.

To assemble, spoon 1/3 to 1/2 cup chicken mixture into each tortilla and top with 2 tablespoons cheese. Roll tortilla and place seam side-down in prepared pan. Pour remaining cheese sauce over tortillas. Top with remaining cheese.

Bake in preheated oven 30 to 35 minutes. Serve with desired toppings.

Makes 5 servings.

# 'Elf' quickly melts chocolate for big dipper

By Sandra Hounsom  
Correspondent

Shopping, cooking and decorating are all part of

the holiday season. As for the cooking, excellent kitchen help comes from an unusually-shaped elf, the microwave oven. It moves in double-time to speed up preparation, particularly of enticing chocolate

treats. Cake decorating supply departments and supermarkets sell white and chocolate candy coating. One pound of candy coating melts in a microwave on medium power in 4 to 8 minutes.

Start the cooking after 4 minutes, then every 30 seconds. The wafer-shaped pieces of candy do not appear to melt; only stirring changes their shape into a smooth mixture. To make the process easier, leave a wooden spoon in the bowl for stirring after 4 minutes.

Little tricks with the coat-

ing are tremendously attractive.

Take a favorite sandwich cookie and, using a fork, dip it into melted candy. Tap to remove excess. Transfer to wire a rack and top with colored sprinkles while the coating is still soft. Let it set before placing in a cookie tin. Use the same technique to coat small pretzels twists.

Use milk or dark chocolate candy coating to make "bark"-type candy. Melt 1 pound coating in a microwave oven. Stir in 1 cup nuts, such as pecans, almonds or cashews. Line a

cookie sheet with aluminum foil. Pour the chocolate mixture onto the pan.

Let the covered nuts set until firm or chill them for faster results. Break the bark into pieces and store in a cool, dry place.

The same chocolate makes an impression when it is shaped.

Cover the outside of a small (5-inch) bowl with aluminum foil, making it as smooth as possible. Freeze it at least 30 minutes, or overnight.

Melt 1 pound of white coating and 1 pound of milk or

dark chocolate. Place the melted candy in quart-size resealable plastic bags. Snip off one corner and squeeze the candy to that corner.

Pipe the coating over bowl in a lacy, looping pattern. Freeze 10 minutes.

Pipe the remaining coating over the first layer. Freeze it until set.

Remove the foil carefully. The chocolate basket is fragile, so it should be handled carefully. Fill it with gumdrops, jelly beans or a light-weight candy.

Home economist Sandra Hounsom specializes in microwave cooking.

### ORIENTAL CHICKEN SALAD

1 cup Oriental salad dressing  
1/2 cup firmly packed dark brown sugar, if desired  
4 boneless, skinless chicken breast halves (about 1-1/4 lb.)  
8 cups mixed salad greens  
2 green onions, chopped  
1 carrot, shredded  
Oriental noodles, if desired

Combine dressing with brown sugar.

In large, shallow baking dish or plastic bag, turn chicken in marinade until coated. Cover or close bag. Marinate in refrigerator, turning occasionally, up to 3 hours. Refrigerate remaining 3/4 cup marinade separately.

Remove chicken, discarding its marinade. Broil chicken, turning once, until it is no longer pink.

To serve, arrange greens, snow peas, onion and carrot on platter. Slice chicken and arrange over mixture. Drizzle with reserved marinade. Garnish with Oriental noodles.

Makes 4 servings.

Add 1 can (14-1/2 ounces) chicken broth, 1 jar (8 ounces) picante sauce, 1/8 teaspoon ground cumin and 1/8 teaspoon ground pepper. Stir to dissolve. If desired, stir, stirring occasionally. Stir in 1 can (11 ounces)

fiesta nacho cheese soup. Simmer until hot. Do not boil.

Pour into serving bowls. Garnish with small tortilla chips and dollop of sour cream.

Makes 4 servings.

### FIESTA PORK SOUP

In medium saucepan, cook and stir 1 pound lean ground pork until browned. Drain.

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Preheat oven to 450 degrees.

Cook sausage in 10-inch skillet over medium heat, stirring often, until brown. Drain. Cover. Cool slightly, then crumble.

In large bowl, using pastry blender or crisscrossing 2 knives, cut shortening into flour, baking powder and salt until mixture resembles fine crumbs. Stir in sausage. Stir in just enough milk so dough leaves side of bowl and forms ball.

Turn dough onto lightly floured surface. Knead lightly 10 times. Roll or pat 1/2-inch thick. Cut with floured 2-1/2-inch biscuit cutter.

Place biscuits about 1 inch apart on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake in preheated oven 10 to 12 minutes until golden brown.

Immediately remove from cookie sheet. Serve hot.

Cover and refrigerate any remaining biscuits.

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## Today's Food

## Over-the-road recipes arrive in hall of fame

By Janice Denham  
Staff writer

A recipe hall of fame is more desirable than the kind movie stars have. Instead of putting their hands in concrete, they get to make bread dough, soup and baked birds in the oven.

Gwen McKee and co-author Barbara Moseley chose 450 recipes from the first 28 books in their Best of the Best series for the "Recipe Hall of Fame Cookbook," \$19.95.

"Every recipe in this hall of fame book has been tried again and again and again. There are three criteria for the recipes. One is taste. Two is taste. Three is taste," says Mississippian McKee.

The two specialists in local cooking have spent 15 years sampling, cooking and researching food in its natural habitat - around tables.

"Food and people go together. So much of our heritage goes with food. We just stop people on the street. People always want to talk about food. They always talk about food with such expression in their faces," McKee says.

They promote the cookbooks from which they take their recipes, as well as the books themselves. Moseley's children and McKee's children have earned some money by helping bind the first books, have grown up and provide a new generation of cooks.

"My oldest grandchild is seven," McKee says. "She

shapes pancakes. We make Peanut Butter Cookies and Oatmeal Raisin Cookies from the cookbook. The grandchildren are getting a base of liking to cook and see they get compliments."

Of course, there is their extended "family."

Fans of the cookbook series form "best" clubs. They "are books" she says. Their enthusiasm tipped the scale for including some recipes.

They did not have to invent the recipes because "they are just so good it is hard to improve them." She names Death by Chocolate and the "best" chocolate cake that combines coffee- or liqueur-flavored brownies, pudding, candy bars and whipped topping, with a basic recipe of five ingredients.

McKee uses the family image of sharing a meal with foods not complex to prepare and that fit today's way of living.

"Children who sit down to meals with their families stand a better chance of scorning high on their SATs (Standard Aptitude Tests). It is good and basic. Children can remember something besides McDonald's hamburgers when they grow up," she says.

Four years from now they hope to have crisscrossed across the entire country's cuisine. They always take recommendations about local cookbooks when they interview. They also try to golf, but McKee's golf calls them off to the course to someone's kitchen or table.

They may be compiling the only cookbook that could

be better than a recipe hall of fame. It will be the Recipe Hall of Fame Dessert Cookbook.

Cranberry Meat Balls from "Finely Tuned Foods" (Missouri) is a timely party dish. For dessert, make Simply Great Pineapple Cake from "REC Family Cookbook (Great Plains)."

Janice Denham is food editor of Suburban Journals.

## CRANBERRY MEAT BALLS

2 lb. ground beef  
1 cup cornflake crumbs  
1/2 cup dried parsley flakes  
2 eggs  
2 tbsp. soy sauce  
1/4 tsp. pepper  
1/2 cup garlic powder  
1/3 cup ketchup  
2 tbsp. chopped onion  
1 can (16 oz.) jellied cranberry sauce  
1 bottle (12 oz.) chili sauce  
2 tbsp. brown sugar  
1/2 cup lemon juice

Preheat oven to 400 degrees.

In large bowl, mix ground beef, crumbs, parsley, eggs, soy sauce, pepper, garlic powder, ketchup and onion. Blend well. Form into balls. Brown in preheated oven 15 minutes. Drain grease.

Cook onion, soy sauce, chili sauce, brown sugar and lemon juice. Cover meatballs with sauce. Bake in 300 degree oven 15 minutes. Serve in chafing dish.

Makes 80 to 90 meatballs.

## SIMPLY GREAT PINEAPPLE CAKE

1 box (2 layers) yellow or lemon pudding-included cake mix  
3/4 cup oil  
4 eggs  
1 can (11 oz.) mandarin oranges  
1 can (13-1/2 oz.) crushed pineapple  
1 pkg. (4 servings) instant vanilla pudding mix  
1 can (12 oz.) frozen whipped topping, thawed  
Pinch salt

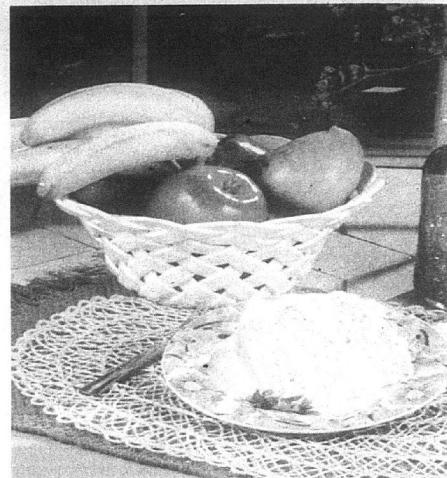
Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Grease and flour three (8-inch) cake pans. Mix cake mix with oil. Add eggs. Beat well. Blend in undrained oranges. Using electric mixer at medium speed, beat 2 minutes.

Bake in preheated oven 20 to 25 minutes until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool.

Mix pineapple and pudding in topping. Spread over layers and side of cake. Refrigerate.

Makes 15 servings.

Note: Cake can be baked in 13-by-9-inch greased and floured baking pan in preheated 350 degree oven 28 to 36 minutes.



## BLUE CHEESE APPETIZER BISCUITS

2 cups self-rising flour  
1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter or margarine  
4 oz. blue cheese, crumbled  
3/4 cup milk  
2 tbsp. butter or margarine, melted

Preheat oven to 450 degrees. Grease large cookie sheet.

Place flour in large bowl. Using pastry blender or fork, cut in 1/4 cup butter until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Gently stir in blue cheese. Add milk. Using fork, stir until soft, moist dough forms and mixture begins to pull away from side of bowl.

On lightly floured surface, knead dough gently until smooth. Roll dough 1/4-inch thick. Using sharp knife or pizza cutter, cut in 1-1/2-inch squares.

Place biscuits on prepared cookie sheet. Bake in preheated oven 10 to 12 minutes until light golden brown.

Brush hot biscuits with melted butter.

Yields 36 biscuits.

## PENNE WITH SAUCE

1 lb. uncooked penne pasta  
4 or 5 slices bacon, finely chopped  
1 onion, finely chopped  
1/3 cup vodka or chicken broth  
1 jar (26 oz.) pasta sauce with romano cheese and herbs  
1/3 cup whipping cream or evaporated skim milk  
1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley

Cook pasta according to package directions. Drain. In large saucepan, cook bacon 2 to 3 minutes. Add onion. Cook until tender. Add vodka. Cook about 1 minute until liquid is reduced.

Stir in pasta sauce and cream. Simmer 4 to 5 minutes.

Toss sauce with hot penne. Serve topped with parsley.

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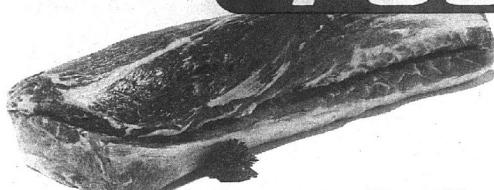
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Pear Mini-Turnovers look like a pastry chef's creation but require simple, everyday cooking skills. Thaw a couple sheets, cut rounds with a biscuit cutter and spoon on a

## simple fruit filling.

Chocolate Mini-Puffs look entirely different, but are cut with the same biscuit cutter. Once baked, the puffs are split and filled with a three-ingredient chocolate filling.

## PEAR MINI-TURNOVERS

1 pkg. (17.3 oz.) frozen puff pastry (2 sheets)  
2 small pears (about 8 oz.) peeled, cored, chopped  
2 tbsp. raspberry preserves  
Confectioner's sugar

Thaw pastry sheets at

room temperature 30 minutes.

Preheat oven to 400 degrees.

In small bowl, combine pears and raspberry preserves until blended.

Work with one pastry sheet at a time. Gently flour top surface, unfold pastry and roll into 12-inch square. Using 3-inch biscuit cutter, cut in 12 rounds. Spoon 1 rounded teaspoon pear mixture into center of each square. Brush edges lightly with water and fold in half to form a half-moon. Press edges to seal.

Place bundles about 2 inches apart on ungreased cookie sheets.

Bake in preheated oven 12 minutes or until puffed and golden. Sprinkle with confectioner's sugar.

Yields 24 mini-turnovers.

## CHOCOLATE MINI-PUFFS

1/2 pkg. (17.3 oz. size) frozen puff pastry (1 sheet)  
3 tbsp. sugar  
1 cup heavy cream  
1/3 cup cocoa

Thaw pastry sheet at room temperature 30 minutes.

Preheat oven to 400 degrees.

Unfold pastry on lightly floured surface. Roll into 14-by-3-inch rectangle.

Using 2-inch biscuit cutter, cut in 24 rounds. Prick

rounds with fork tines. Brush with water. Sprinkle lightly with sugar, using total of 1/2 tablespoon.

Place pastries about 2 inches apart on ungreased baking sheet. Bake in preheated oven 10 minutes or until puffed and golden.

Using electric mixer on high, beat cream, cocoa and remaining 2 1/2 tablespoons sugar about 3 minutes until stiff peaks form.

Split each round in half. For each mini-puff, spoon about 2 teaspoons chocolate mixture on bottom half. Top with remaining pastry half and 1 teaspoon chocolate mixture. Decorate with chocolate curls or chocolate sprinkles and dusting of cocoa, if desired.

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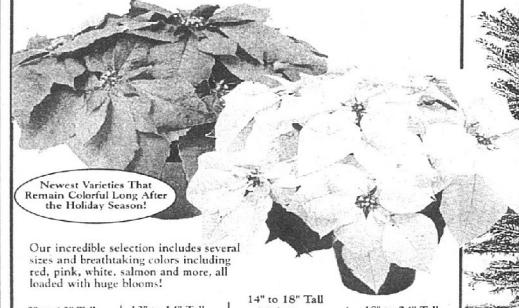
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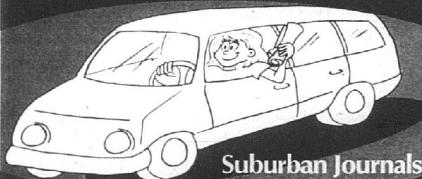
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Begin with a beef tenderloin roast. Rubbing it with a simple blend of lemon peel, thyme and black pepper enhances its flavor. Colorful bell peppers and onion are sliced, tossed with the same seasonings, roast alongside the meat.

One of the best choices for entertaining, beef tenderloin is simple to roast and to serve because roasting is 1, 2, 3 easy.

Like any roast, it can be seasoned and placed straight from the refrigerator on a rack in a shallow roasting pan. Put the pan in a preheated oven and cook until the meat is done to medium rare (50 to 55 minutes) or medium (60 to 65 minutes). No turning is necessary. Oven temperature varies by the oven, so be sure to check.

Because it is beef, roast carving is a cinch. To make it easier, tent the meat loosely with aluminum foil and let it stand 10 minutes before serving.

Complete the holiday feast with mixed green salad, bak-

ery bread or rolls and purchased stollen or homemade cookies.

This roast provides a "divine" meal, if desired.

Reserve part of the beef and vegetables for a sandwich supper later in the week. Cut the reserved beef into thin slices and mix into crusty Italian bread loaf, spread with soft spreadable cheese. The roasted peppers and onions along with fresh spinach leaves make a perfect finish for this tasty sandwich special enough for casual entertaining.

To receive a free brochure with more roasting information plus holiday roast recipes, call the Missouri Beef Industry Council, toll-free 1-800-441-6242.

### CITRUS-HERB ROAST TENDERLOIN

4-1/2 lb. well-trimmed beef tenderloin roast  
2 large red bell peppers, cut in 1 inch wedges  
2 large yellow bell peppers, cut in 1 inch wedges

2 large onions, cut lengthwise in 1/2 inch wedges  
2 tbsp. plus 1 tsp. olive oil  
2 tbsp. grated lemon peel  
2 tsp. leaf thyme  
1-1/2 tsp. salt  
1 tsp. coarsely ground black pepper

Preheat oven to 425 degrees.

Combine lemon peel, 2 tablespoons oil, thyme, salt and pepper. Reserve 2 teaspoons seasoning for vegetables.

Evenly press remaining seasoning into surface of beef roast. Place roast on rack in shallow roasting pan. Do not add water.

In medium bowl, combine vegetables, reserved seasoning mixture and 1 teaspoon oil. Toss to coat. Arrange in single layer in 15-by-10-inch jellyroll pan.

Roast beef and vegetables in preheated oven 50 to 55 minutes. For medium rare meat, 60 to 65 minutes, for medium doneness and until vegetables are tender and lightly browned.

Transfer roast to carving



Roast beef tenderloin elegantly highlights a December meal with friends.

board. Tent loosely with aluminum foil. Let stand 10 minutes.

For sandwiches, reserve 12 ounces cooked beef (about one-fourth of roast) and 1 cup roasted vegetables.

Slice remaining roast. Serve with roasted vegetables.

Makes 6 servings; 460 calories, 37 g protein, 11 g carbohydrate, 24 g fat, 547 mg sodium and 141 mg cholesterol each.

Tenderloin Sandwiches:

cut 1 loaf (16 ounces) Italian bread in half horizontally.

Spread each surface with 1/4 cup garden vegetable spreadable cheese. Layer 1 cup

spinach leaves, beef and reserved vegetables on bottom half of bread. Close sandwich. To serve, cut in 8 pieces.

Makes 4 servings; 587 calories, 37 g protein, 71 g carbohydrate, 16 g fat, 1,080 mg sodium and 90 mg cholesterol each.

Tenderloin Sandwiches:

### ORANGE-CRANBERRY DRESSING

1 cup finely chopped celery  
1/2 cup chopped onion  
2 tbsp. margarine or butter

8 cups dry whole wheat bread crumbs (1/2 inch)

1/2 cup dried cranberries

1 cup orange juice  
1/2 tsp. salt  
1/4 tsp. cinnamon  
5 oranges, peeled, sectioned, seeded

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

In large skillet, cook celery and onion in margarine until tender but not brown. In large bowl, combine bread, vegetables and cranberries.

Stir together orange juice, salt and cinnamon. Drizzle over bread mixture. Toss gently to coat. Gently stir in oranges.

Transfer mixture to 2-quart casserole.

Bake covered, in preheated oven 40 to 45 minutes until dressing is heated through.

Serve with broiled, baked or roasted chicken or turkey.

Makes 8 side-dish servings; 564 calories, 3 g protein, 28 g carbohydrate, 4 g fat, no cholesterol, 321 mg sodium and 2 g dietary fiber each.

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1 cup diced onion  
1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro  
5 or 6 canned jalapeno peppers, chopped (reserve 1/2 cup liquid)

Juice of 4 limes

In glass bowl, mash avocado lightly, leaving some whole cubes. Add tomato, onion, cilantro, jalapeno and lime juice. Mix together. Salt and pepper to taste.

Serve with baked tortilla chips or strips. If desired, serve in baked tortilla baskets.

Baked Tortilla Baskets: Soften flour tortillas by warming briefly in skillet or microwave oven. Brush both sides lightly with oil and gently press to form a cup-shaped or small oven-safe bowl. Tortilla will ruffle. Line with aluminum foil and weight with dried beans or rice. Bake in preheated 400 degree oven 7 minutes. Carefully remove shells from bowl and cool.

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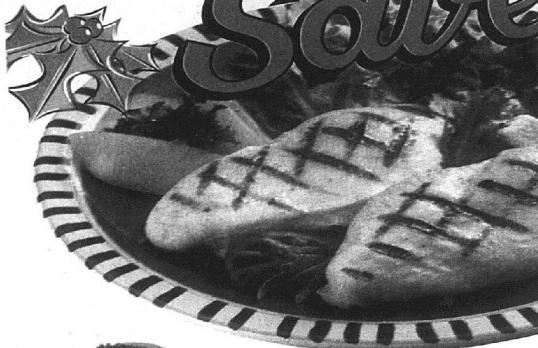
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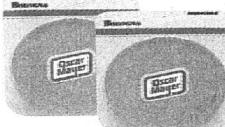
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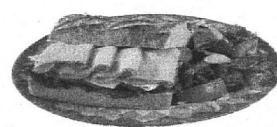
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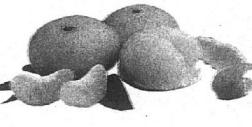
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